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WHITEAWAY'S

YUGO-SLAVIA MANS FOUR FRONTIERS WITH ARMY OF 1,250,000 SOLDIERS Pro-Allied and Anti-Nazi Demonstrations Continue

Special to the "Telegraph"

BELGRADE, MAR. 28 (UP).—IT IS RELIABLY REPORTED THAT THE NEW YUGO-SLAVIAN MILITARY REGIME HAS RUSHED 1,250,000 TROOPS INTO A 60-MILE DEEP STRIP OF DEFENCES FACING FOUR GERMAN-MANNED FRONTIERS. THIS ACTION WAS TAKEN AFTER HITLER HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT "CERTAIN POINTS OF THE AXIS PACT ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE PUBLIC."

IN THE MEANTIME, PREMIER SIMOVITCH AND THE NATION AWAITS GERMANY'S ANSWER BY WORD OR ACTION.

It is reliably stated that the German Ambassador, Herr von Heeren, has been informed that events are speaking for themselves, indicating that certain points of the pact would be acceptable to the people only with the greatest difficulty.

Full Independence Proclaimed

Yugo-Slavia to-day proclaimed full "independence" and sent troops under full mobilisation orders streaming towards her borders to guard against any threat from any quarter.

The first proclamation declared that the Government hoped that any difficulties with its neighbours would be peacefully settled but that henceforth it would follow a policy of independence.

INDO-CHINA PRESSURE Japanese Firms Uneasy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HANOI, March 28 (Domei).—

The French Indo-China Government continues to bring pressure to bear upon Japanese business firms here, despite reports of the smooth progress in the Japanese-French economic talks in Tokyo.

Although keenly interested in the results of the Tokyo talks, Japanese business circles here are afraid that they may be forced to close down their business soon, regardless of the outcome of the Tokyo talks, in view of the strict French Indo-China laws regarding import and export trade.

Mr Menzies Refutes Nazi Propaganda

LONDON, Mar. 28 (Reuters).—Mr G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, denied to-day the rumours circulated by enemy propagandists that he had told North American journalists in London on his return from touring British aircraft factories that the "majority of the British aircraft factories had been hit by German bombers" or that he had described the air attacks on these factories as "frightful."

Mr. Menzies said: "The statement is untrue. I visited a number of aircraft factories throughout Britain where I found a happy hard-working lot of men and women and unimpaired production. The real German air attacks have been on civilians. The statement attributed to me is the opposite of what I said."

Albania Report

ATHENS, Mar. 28 (Reuters).—Enemy patrol activity on the Albanian front was on a very restricted scale.

Cologne Freight Yards Gutted

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 28 (UP).—The Air Ministry, revealing in an official statement that the new British bombers carry as much as five tons of bombs each, claim that the freight yards at Cologne, which are a quarter of a mile long, have been completely gutted, while it is estimated that 1,000 workmen were killed and 7,000 wounded in one of a series of attacks on Bremen.

Damage To Nazi Cities
LONDON, Mar. 28 (Reuters).—Reports reaching the Air Ministry show that far greater punishment has been inflicted by the R.A.F. on German cities than is commonly understood. Although bomber pilots are deliberate and accurate in their offensive, preferring to wreck vital centres of production, it is inevitable that other damage is inflicted because many of the important areas lie in thickly populated districts.

Berlin has suffered cumulative damage and many civilians have been killed.

In a series of raids on Bremen, 1,000 are reported to have been killed and 7,000 injured.

In Hannover, a large area has been laid waste as the result of high explosive bombs and fires caused by incendiaries.

On one recent night 250 houses were destroyed, 500 seriously damaged and 250 people were killed.

Over Britain

LONDON, Mar. 28 (Reuters).—A German bomber was shot down into the sea by British fighters south of Beachy Head this morning, says an Air Ministry communiqué.

One British fighter is missing from patrol.

Bombing Abyssinian Railways

CAIRO, Mar. 28 (Reuters).—A further heavy bombing attack on the Addis Ababa-Djibuti Railway yesterday is described in a British Middle East G.H.Q. communiqué.

Fifty miles east of the Abyssinian capital, it says, a troop train was machine-gunned and damaged. South African aircraft also successfully bombed an enemy camp north of Lake Rudolph.

Dodecanese

In air operations over the Dodecanese Islands in the Eastern Mediterranean, the R.A.F. attacked the aerodrome at Colato on the island of Rhodes and airfield buildings on the aerodrome and petrol dumps, causing smoke clouds visible a hundred miles away.

At least one aircraft was destroyed on the ground while the R.A.F. suffered no losses.

Japanese Privileges In Indo-China, Report

Special to the "Telegraph"

MANILA, Mar. 29 (UP).—The "Bulletin" to-day quotes unimpeachable sources with close connections with Indo-China-Thailand negotiations in Tokyo, declaring that Japan has received from Indo-China extraordinary military and trade privileges in Cochinchina.

These sources reveal that the treaty includes firstly, that 12,000 Japanese troops shall be stationed in Cochinchina.

Secondly, free passage for the Japanese on the Mekong River.

Thirdly, Japanese fishing rights in Indo-China.

The pronouncement was made after a midnight Cabinet session, and its enthusiastic support was demonstrated this afternoon when King Peter, accompanied by the Cabinet, went to the cathedral to celebrate thanksgiving services. On the return journey to the Palace, crowds repeatedly broke through the police lines and surrounded the cars of the British and American diplomats, cheering the United States, England and Roosevelt.

LATEST

The Axis cars were watched with dignified silence and the crowds behaved with meticulous courteousness. The Polish, Turkish, Greek and Russian cars were acclaimed.

Berlin Complaints

BERLIN, Mar. 28 (UP).—The official news agency reports that anti-German demonstrations occurred in numerous districts of Yugo-Slavia last night, including theatres where German films and newscasts are shown. Furniture was demolished.

The agency's Belgrade correspondent said that the most important streets are occupied by troops who have surrounded the German Legation where German women and children have been brought for safety.

The agency also reports that the German radio during the morning broadcast gave very full reports of the events in Yugo-Slavia. The afternoon newspapers reported: "The demonstrators undertook attacks on German persons, destroyed windows in the German Travel Bureau and devastated rooms of the Slavonian German Cultural Union."

No Answer Yet

BERLIN, Mar. 28 (UP).—Authorized quarters indicated that up to 9 p.m. no reply had been received from Yugo-Slavia. They declared that reports of maltreatment of Germans in Yugo-Slavia were "unfortunately confirmed," and added that the German Minister, Herr von Heeren is protesting.

YUGO-SLAVIAN FLEET Small But Tough

(BY "REUTERS" NAVAL CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Mar. 28.—Although the Yugo-Slav Navy is small, it is tough and if Yugo-Slavia decided to fight against the Axis, it would give the remnants of the Italian Navy a great deal of trouble.

The personnel of the Yugo-Slav Navy is 6,300 officers and men with 1,120 on reserve. A number of officers, notably those in the submarine branch, have been trained with the British Navy.

Four Destroyers

The fleet consists of four good destroyers with a fifth nearing completion; four submarines, two of them being modified versions of the British "C" type; eight torpedo boats and several motor torpedo boats; six minelayers, six minesweepers and other small craft; and one old light cruiser.

The Yugo-Slav coast has three good bases—Split, Kotor and Sibenik. The last named is particularly difficult to approach and only the Yugo-Slavs know the secrets of the channels between the small islands which lead to the entrance to the harbour.



British Forces Manoeuvring To Trap 130,000 Italians

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, Mar. 28 (UP).—The British forces which are driving toward Addis Ababa, the Djibouti railway and Asmara, are reported to be closing a huge ring in order to trap approximately 130,000 Italian troops and colonists.

Hitler Recalling Belgrade Minister

BELGRADE, Mar. 28 (Reuters).—The German Government is recalling its Minister in Belgrade, Herr Herren, according to well-informed circles.

The former Yugo-Slav Prime Minister, Dr Cvetkovich, and the former Foreign Minister, Dr Cincar-Markovitch, are under house arrest but the other arrested Ministers have been released.

A number of other persons have been arrested, including the Chief of the City Police, the Chief Censor, the Commissioner for radio, and Director of the official news agency.

No Representations

LONDON, Mar. 28 (Reuters).—German Foreign Office spokesmen says that no representations have been made in Belgrade concerning the policy of the new Yugo-Slav Government in view of the fact that it is not customary for a government to throw overboard the treaties made by its predecessors.

The spokesman added that a protest would be lodged against anti-German excesses, of which he declared, "positive news has come to hand."

Extreme reserve was maintained in the Wilhelmstrasse towards conflicting reports from Yugo-Slavia and the problems created by the Belgrade situation. German circles only declare that in view of the bad state of communications, it is difficult to judge the situation in Yugo-Slavia.

Judgment is made even more difficult by the conflicting nature of such reports as are arriving," it is stated. Berlin political circles also refrain from expressing any definite opinion. They emphasised, however, that the declaration issued by the new Belgrade Government did not contain anything of its attitude towards the Tripartite Pact. These circles nevertheless state that they have noted Mr Churchill's remarks.

Bulgaria Cut Off

LONDON, Mar. 28 (Reuters).—Communications between Bulgaria and Yugo-Slavia have been cut, according to a Sofia message to the official German news agency.

The message says that since the Belgrade coup there has been neither railway traffic nor telephone or telegraphic communications between the two countries.

New Minister

VICHY, Mar. 28 (Reuters).—The Yugo-Slav Minister in Moscow, M. Gavrilovich, left Moscow last night for Yugo-Slavia in order to assume the office of Minister without Portfolio in the new Cabinet.

A Belgrade dispatch to the Vichy news agency says that M. Gavrilovich was arrested.

Anglo-Greek War Council

This historic picture shows the Anglo-Greek War Council in session in Athens. From left to right the Council comprises: Major-General M. D. Gamber-Parry, Chief, British Liaison Office in Greece; General Metaxas, Greek Prime Minister; King George of Greece, who presided; Air Vice-Marshal J. H. D'Ablac, D.S.O., Air Officer Commanding in Greece; and General Papagos, Greek Commander-in-Chief.

The garrison from Harrar is officially reported to be in frantic retreat towards Diredda, 37 miles northwards on the railway over which the Italians are attempting to evacuate citizens from Addis Ababa.

Keren's Capture

LONDON, Mar. 28 (UP).—Military quarters to-day disclosed that the British and Indian attacks on Keren were made from the west and south; it is doubted whether the northern column participated, probably because the route was blocked.

Officials declared: "It is evident from the large number of prisoners that a big part of the garrison escaped by road and railway towards Asmara. It is believed they are in poor shape."

The fighting at Keren was described as the most severe of the war, adding "We do not expect British casualties on the same light scale as in North Africa."

Plan of Battle

KHARTOUM, Mar. 28 (Reuters).—The Battle of Keren began on February 3 when a British mechanised formation, which had chased the Italians from Agordat, engaged a large Italian force at the entrance to the mountain pass.

During the succeeding days, English, Scottish and Indian troops launched attacks up the precipitous slopes. They had often to form long human chains to pass up water, food and ammunition to those established on the ridges. The troops were often exposed to heavy fire but hung grimly to a position once it was captured.

The I.A.F. incessantly patrolled the roads along which supplies were rushed and also heavily attacked communications and gun positions.

One vital factor in the success was the rapid advance of an English and French force from the north after

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How King Peter Carried Out His Bloodless Coup

BELGRADE, Delayed by Censorship, (Reuters).—The coup d'état which placed young King Peter on the throne of Yugo-Slavia was completed within a single hour.

Precise organisation and swift quiet efficiency were responsible for this result, and it is noteworthy that this revolution, unlike many others, was bloodless.

King Peter assumed power at two o'clock in the morning. Immediately after this, 20 private soldiers led by one officer quietly "paraded" before the house of the Prime Minister, Dr Cvetkovich, who was called from his bed and politely informed by the officer that he was

At seven o'clock in the morning, all Yugo-Slav radio stations broadcast King Peter's proclamation with its stirring call. Within an hour, crowds

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says: The stream of enquiries continues, though the week's trading can only be regarded as moderate. The outstanding feature is the smart rise in Hongkong Shares from \$170 bid, to \$180/183 business done.

Cements have declared a dividend of \$1. and bonus of \$1—payable 23rd prox. This distribution is an increase of 25 cents compared with the last one.

Business done during the week

H.K. Banks \$1,340, 1,337½
Canton Ins. \$220
Union Ins. \$430
H.K. Fire Ins. \$180, \$183
Wharves \$94
Docks "O" \$10½
Providents \$5.20, \$5¼, \$5.30
Hotels \$3.20
Trams \$10½
Lights "O" \$6¼, \$6.20
(Electricity X. Div.) \$30.95, \$40.05, \$40.40, \$39.00, \$39.80
Macao Electric "N" \$30½, \$30¾
Macao Electric "O" \$18½
Telephones "O" \$24.30, \$24¼
Cements \$17½, \$18, \$17.80
Watsons \$11, \$11.15
Entertainments \$7.20
Ewo, Cottons \$3.45
Shanghai Cottons \$1, \$200
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Buyers

Banks of East Asia \$70
Canton Ins. \$222.50
Union Ins. \$430
H.K. Fire Ins. \$181
Wharves X.D. \$80
Docks "O" X.D. \$15.50
Providents \$5.25
Hotels \$3.15
Lands \$37
Humphreys \$6.70
Realities \$3
Trams \$16.30
Lights "O" \$6.20
Lights "N" \$1.75
Macao Electric "O" \$18.23
Macao Electric "N" \$17.25
Telephones "O" X.D. \$23.25
Telephones "N" X.D. \$6.85
Cements \$17.50
Watsons X.D. \$9.70
Entertainments \$7

Sellers

H.K. Fire Ins. \$186
Telephones X.D. \$23.50
H.K. Banks \$1,340
H.K. Fire Ins. \$183
Docks "O" X.D. \$15.50/55
Providents \$5.27½
Trams \$16.50
Lights "N" \$1.77½
Electricity C. Rts \$30.75
Telephones "O" X.D. \$23.10
Cements \$17.75
Watsons \$11.15 C.D.

Monster Raffle

The short film showing the Sunbeam-Talbot car, yacht, diamond wristlet watch, and a few other prizes in the Monster Raffle, which is being screened by courtesy of local cinema was taken free of charge, by the Grand View Film Company of Hongkong.

Colony Mails Lost Via United States

Further mails for the United Kingdom have been lost through enemy action, stated Mr. E. L. Wynne-Jones, the Postmaster General, yesterday.

These are letters by the surface route via the United States, posted in the Colony between October 4 and 15, 1940, and letters superscribed "by air to U.S.A. and thence by sea," posted between January 17 and 23 last.

Murder Charge

Mr. G. T. Lowry at Central Magistrate's yesterday remanded for a week So Shing, 23, odd job paint scraper, and So Tin, 18, unemployed, charged with murder of Police Constable Wang Tek on March 24 on the hillside above Po Shan Road, Upper Levels.

Sounding Of Sirens

The Director of Air Raid Precautions announces that the air raid sirens in Naval Establishments will, for the purpose of an exercise, be sounded at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7.45 p.m., and 9.45 p.m. on each of the following dates:—Tuesday, April 1, Wednesday, April 2, and Thursday, April 3.

Mr. C. K. S. Smith has been appointed Acting Sub-Lieutenant in the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force with effect from March 14.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NOTICE TO CONSUMERS

Notice is hereby given that the Company's standard charges will be increased as from 17th March, 1941, by adding a 10% surcharge to the amounts charged for electricity consumed for lighting and power as per meters read on and after 24th April, 1941.

The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,

Manager.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1941.

CHURCH NOTICES

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL (GARDEN ROAD)

Holy Communion Service: Christian Devotion

March 30, Passion Sunday

8 a.m. Holy Communion and in Peak Church.
11 a.m. Mattins, Preacher, The Dean.
5.30 p.m. Evensong and sermon, Preacher, Rev. Canon J. E. Sandbach.

Wednesday—Intercession 5.30 p.m., followed by discussion in Cathedral Hall. The service of Holy Communion—Christian Devotion.

Holy Communion will be celebrated on 7.30 a.m. Thursday, 7.45 a.m. Friday (in Cantonese).

Notices for the Week

Admission to the Cathedral Hall on Monday 8 p.m.

Sick Intercessions on Thursday 10.15 a.m.

CHRIST CHURCH (KOWLOON TONG)

Choral Eucharist Service To Be Conducted by the Vicar

March 29—Passion Sunday, 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion (in English); 8 a.m. Holy Communion (in Cantonese); 9.45 a.m. Choral Eucharist & Sermon, Preacher: The Vicar, Subject, "Mumility"; 11 a.m. Morning Prayer in Mandarin; Preacher: Mr. Wong Kwei-sung; 5.30 p.m. Evensong & Lenten sermon, "The Idea of Fellowship with God," Preacher: Mr. Wong Kwei-sung (Supper and discussion after the service); (Thursday, April 3.—Holy Communion at 7 a.m. Full choir practice at 6 p.m.)

EMMANUEL CHURCH (210, NATHAN ROAD)

Sunday, March 30—11 a.m. Morning Worship, "I kneel before the Father and pray that Christ may make His home in your hearts, your faith—that you may be filled with the entire fullness of God." Communion Service following.

Monday, March 31—9 a.m. Sunday School. Classes for young men and young women at 9, Hill Wood Road; 7.30 p.m. Joint Service followed by Gospel Message, "For in Christ, God reconciled the world to Himself, instead of counting men's trespasses against them and He entrusted us with the message of His reconciliation." Speaker: Mrs. Ansell Nance.

Tuesday—7.30 a.m. Women's Bible Study at 9, Hill Wood Road; Teacher: Mrs. Ansell Nance.

Wednesday—9.45 a.m. Women's Bible Study; 7.30 p.m. Young People's Club.

Thursday—9.45 a.m. Women's Bible Study; 7.30 p.m. Young People's Club.

Friday—4.45 p.m. Children's Story Hour at 9, Hill Wood Road; 6 p.m. Prayer meeting at 9, Hill Wood Road.

Monday—Friday—Evening Bible Study Classes as usual.

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL (CAINE ROAD)

Lenten Mission Services To Begin on Wednesday

March 30, Passion Sunday

Morning services—1st Mass at 6 with sermon in Chinese; 2nd Mass at 8 with sermon in English; 3rd Mass at 10 with sermon in English.
Evening services—At 3.30 Catechetical instruction; at 4.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction.

April 2, Wednesday—Abstinence.

April 4th—1st Friday of the Month, Fast Day. General Communion in honour of the Sacred Heart at 7.45 a.m. Mass.

On Week days Mass at 6 and 7.30. Confessions Morning and Evening.

Special Announcements

The annual Lenten Mission begins on Wednesday evening April 2, at 6 p.m. and will continue for one week every day at the same hour.

The Very Rev. Fr. G. Byrne, S.J. will speak on the following subjects:—April 2—God of China; April 3—God of the Universe; April 4—The God of the Living; April 5—God a Stranger in His Own Land; April 6—The Cross; April 7—A Man's Choice; April 8—The Quest of Love; April 9—In Love's Kingdom.

All are cordially invited to attend.

METHODIST CHURCH (QUEEN'S ROAD EAST)

Mr Wilym Jenkins to Sing At Evening Service

Services on Sunday, March 30.

Preachers:—Morning, Rev. E. Moreton; Evening, Rev. J. E. Sandbach.

Morning Service at 10.15 a.m.—Hymns: 680, 410, 884, 202, 382.

Evening Service at 7 p.m.—Soloist: Mr Wilym Jenkins. Hymns: 678, 473, 183, 320.

Notices for the Week

Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at the S. & S. Home at 8.30 p.m. All servicemen and civilians warmly welcomed.

Thursday at 7 p.m. Dadminton Club at the S. & S. Home.

Tuesday at 8.30 p.m. Meeting for Prayer and Fellowship at S. & S. Home.

UNION CHURCH (KENNEDY ROAD)

Sunday, March 30—Morning Worship 10.30. Preacher: Rev. J. E. Sandbach.

Evening Worship 6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. E. Moreton.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 31st day of March, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Island Road, Tytam Bay, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with a option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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G. R.

A vacancy exists for a Second Engineer Officer in a ship under Board of Trade Rules.

Particulars of service, etc. may be obtained from the Naval Store Officer, 14 M. Dockyard, Hong Kong, and application, in writing, for the post, should reach that Officer by noon, Monday, 7th April, 1941.

Applicants must be British subjects and of British race.

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Hemingway at Front

SHUUKWAN, Mar 28 (Central News).—Mr Ernest Hemingway, well-known American journalist and correspondent for the newspaper "P.M." who arrived here from Hongkong a few days ago, left today for the front on an inspection tour, accompanied by a number of officers of military headquarters. Mr Hemingway is expected to spend a week at the front and then return here to resume his journey to Chungking.

Defence Reserve

The following appointments and transfers in the Hongkong Defence Reserve:

Mr C. E. Stewart reassigned from the Combatant Group to the Essential Services Group.

Mr W. C. Excell re-assigned from the Combatant Group to the Key Posts Group.

Printers' Duties

Following negotiations lasting five months, an agreement between the Printers and Publishers Association and the Hongkong Printers Guild was signed on Wednesday. It was learned from Mr B. C. K. Hawkins, Labour Officer, yesterday.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Thirty-sixth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs Dodwell & Co. Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Tuesday, the 15th April, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st April to 15th April, 1941, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

General Managers.

24th March, 1941.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 52nd Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of April, 1941, at 11.30 o'clock, a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 9th April, 1941, to TUESDAY, the 22nd April, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. TAYLOR,

Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 26th March, 1941.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Monday, 31st March, 1941, at noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

E. COCK,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Issue of 600,000 new ordinary shares of \$10 each

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 1st to 5th April, 1941, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

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Agents.

21st March, 1941.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

South China Morning Post

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16 cents per copy

British Empire and Foreign

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The Hongkong Telegraph

China and Macao

14 cents per copy

16 cents Saturdays

British and Foreign

20 cents per copy

25 cents Saturdays.

Red Cross Supplies

KUNMING, Mar. 28 (Central News).—About 600 tons of American Red Cross medical supplies for China are reported to have arrived at Kunming. They form a part of the total of 1,200 tons valued at \$3,000,000 donated by the American Red Cross.

The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell has been appointed, provisionally, to be an unofficial member of the Executive Council with effect from March 26.

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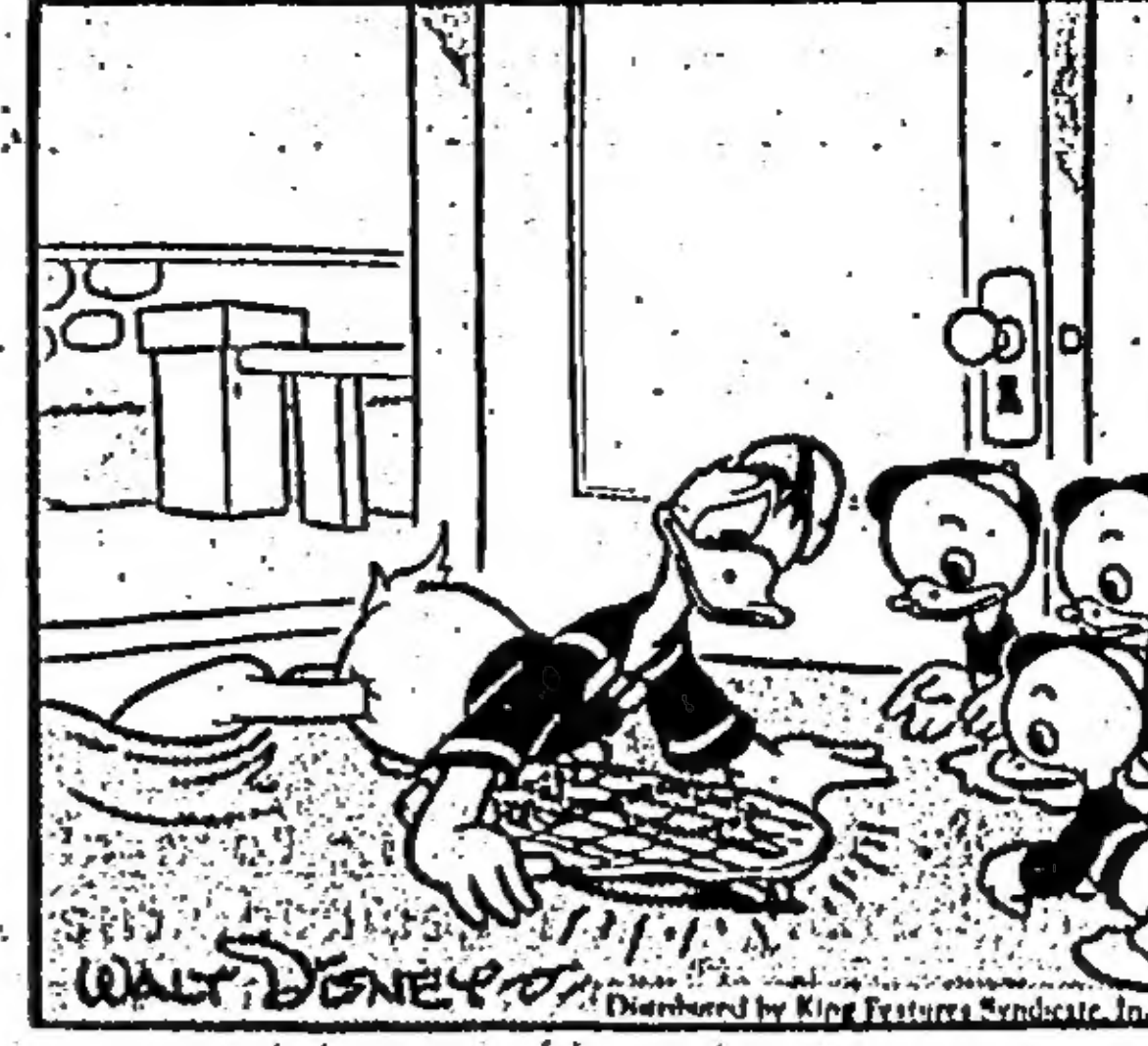
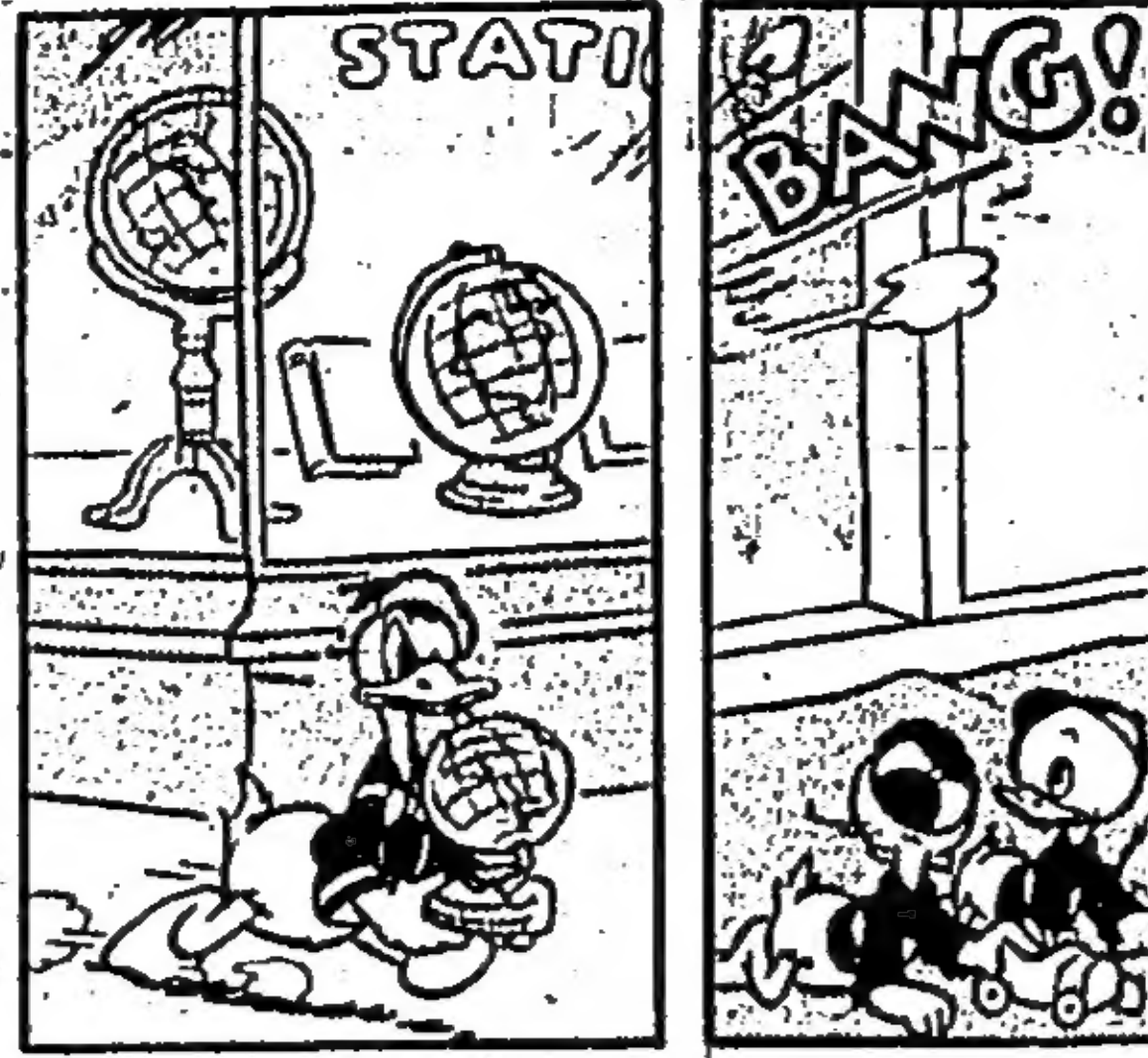
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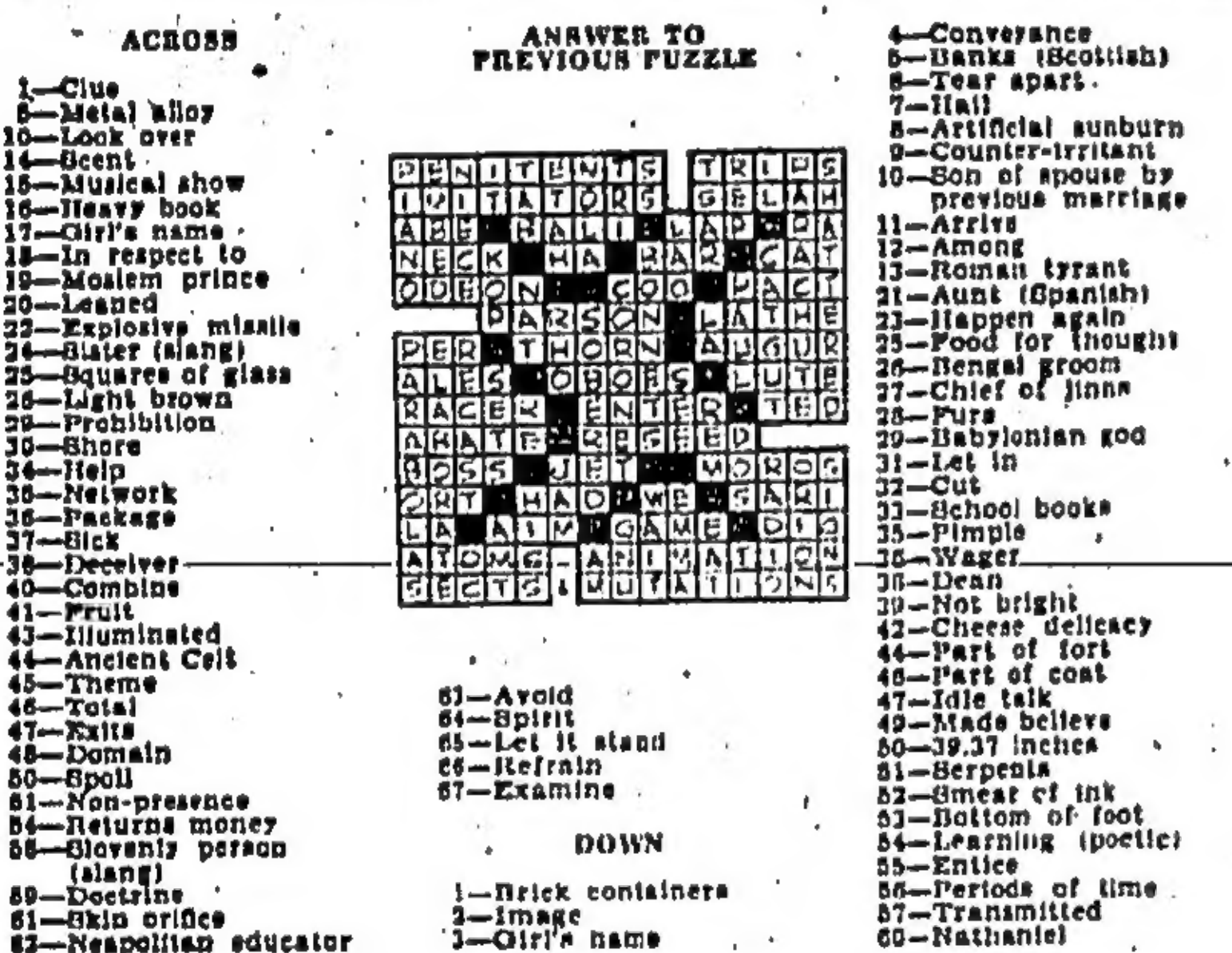
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OUR GREAT NEW ARMY
GENERAL DILL
and the
NEW RECRUIT

DURING the last few weeks I have talked with the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, with generals, brigadiers, colonels, majors, captains, lieutenants, sergeant-majors, sergeants, corporals and privates. In other words, I have talked to a pretty good cross-section of the British Army.

And I have talked to Sir John Dill and to Private Brown about the same thing: the Army and Army life. My observations on these matters will appear from day to day in these pages.

First, I should like to say something about generals. When war was declared, I remember hearing a chorus of false prophets say that the German Army could not be much good because it lacked senior officers. I was told that even men like General Keitel were only regimental officers in the last war, and therefore lacked that wide grasp of grand strategy necessary for victory.

Younger Generals

Well, time has shown that Hitler's young generals have not done too badly. But few people in Britain or the Empire realise that recent changes in the War Office have brought to the top precisely similar British officers: men who, 25 years ago, were wearing one pip, three pips, or perhaps even a crown.

Take Sir Archibald Wavell, whose armies are blitzkrieging Libya. What was he doing in the last war? He was only a junior regimental and staff officer and did not achieve a colonelcy until 1921.

Our supreme war chief, Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, is 59 years of age; and was a major in 1914.

The Vice-Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Sir Robert Haining, is 59 years of age and was a captain in 1914.

And Sir Alan Brooke is 58, and was also a captain in the last war. Now this, in my opinion, is one of the most encouraging things about the Army; and it is not sufficiently

The Army is commanded by men who, as British generals usually go, are mere striplings; men whose minds have not become petrified in old conflicts; men, moreover—and this is most important—whose contact with the rank and file is so recent that they understand the problems of the private soldier.

I should think it true to say that never before in the military history of Britain has the Army been commanded by a more alert, unorthodox and sympathetic group of generals. To my astonishment, the other day I heard one of them refer, as any civilian might have done, to the peculiarities of "the Poona mind."

I submit that such a remark could not have been made in the War Office 20 years ago. It would have sent a shudder of horror through the building in which the portraits of the Duke of Wellington and other exalted generals would have crashed indignantly to the ground.

But the War Office remained undisturbed.

It would, I think, astonish most junior officers could they hear the red-tabbed mighties of the War Office talking about the Army. It would also be a great lesson to them.

In spite of the high matters of strategy, tactics and organisation which now occupy these generals, their minds are soaked in the regimental atmosphere.

Scratch most of our generals to-day and you find a keen young su-

baltern! Their minds pivot on the responsibility of officer to man, and they never discuss their profession without coming round to the question of the physical and mental well-being of soldiers.

"When a man no longer marches at the head of his company," said General Paget to me on one of these occasions, "he has said good-bye to the best part of soldiering."

"What a lot you can learn about troops when you are marching at the head of a company! Almost as much," he added with a smile, "as you can when you march behind them!"

Then the other day I was sitting with Sir John Dill at one of the quick lunches snatched by him between one meeting of the Cabinet

and another. Here is a man loaded with responsibilities. He knows the icy loneliness of great authority. His mind flashed about the world like a searchlight, touching now on Libya, now on Albania, now here, now there, each time revealing something interesting and important.

Then after lunch he lit a cigarette and talked about the Army. As he talked, the massed, rosetted decorations on his tunic, which form a solid band of colour about four inches in depth, seemed to fade away line by line; and I might have been talking to an earnest young subaltern who had discovered himself for the first time in his life the mother and father of men.

He talked about the problems of this great new technical army of ours, of the many types of men it contains, of the varied civilian talents gathered into it, of the need for understanding, sympathy, discipline and efficiency.

Human Touch

"By the way," he said, "you might care to read a letter I have written to all officers in charge of training depots. It deals with the sort of thing we have been talking about."

And he handed me two sheets of that duck-egg blue paper used only by the higher figures in the War Office.

I read these words:—"To-day we are taking into the Army men in all walks of life, many of whom are of an age to have formed ideas on life in general, and a number of them are of an age to have already reached positions of importance in civil life."

"Some of them join in a critical frame of mind—that is inevitable and well known. Others, less confident, are full of doubts as to how they are going to fit into their new life."

"They are rather alarmed at the whole prospect."

"Many of them are educated men, or men who have been running businesses of their own for some years. In these circumstances the first impression of the Army formed by these men is vitally important."

"How are you going to ensure that their impression is favourable and that they start their Army life in happy mood, keen and anxious to learn all there is to learn from military service in its most modern form?"

Recruits Aided

"First of all there is the day of arrival in an entirely new atmosphere. Do you see each man and have a talk with him so that you will know his personal history and aims?"

"And are his duties on first joining so arranged that he can slip as easily as possible into Army life?"

"Then there is the messing."

"Are your cooks good, and are you doing everything by your personal supervision to encourage them to improve?"

"Do they use their rations so that no one need supplement his meals out of his own pocket?"

"And are your dining-halls, so far as you can make them, places in which to enjoy meals?"

"The problem of pay and allowances is one which must worry men who have families to keep."

"Are your arrangements such that men can find out at once what their financial situation is, and how their dependents draw their allowances?"

Any Complaints?

"Not least, there is the question of the redress of grievances."

"Do you, in your plan for receiving and welcoming your new drafts of recruits, ensure that they are told to whom to go with troubles, and the procedure open to them if they feel that they have a grievance?"

"I am most anxious that this excellent body of men should find in the Army sympathy and understanding; that they should feel that we are doing our best to make full use of their ability and knowledge, preparing them as quickly as possible to take their place and pull their weight in the struggle in which we are all engaged."

That is a selection from a letter on the care of men, here printed for the first time and not written for publication, which the Chief of the Imperial General Staff has found time to write in the midst of duties which keep him at work from 7.30 a.m. until two and three in the morning.

It illustrates better than any words of mine what I have said about our Army commanders.

MONDAY:

From Dunkirk to To-day

YOUNG PEOPLE'S QUIZ

1. Who wrote: (a) "Black Beauty," (b) "The 36th of May," (c) "Little Women," (d) "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," (e) "Aesop's Fables"?

2. Supply the missing words in the following:

(a) "Far and few, far and few, 'Are the lands where the—live; (b) 'Two old Bachelors were living in one house; 'One caught a —, the other caught a —"

(c) "And his Aunt—made him drink 'Lavender water tinged with pink."

"For she said The World in general knows 'There's nothing so good for a —'s toes

3. Who (a) slept under the dresser, (b) could bicker up hill (c) lived in the odium of having discovered sodium?

4. (a) Who was the Nonconformist pirate? (b) Who lay like a yellow cloud in the distance—much too busy to bark? (c) Who sent whom his Order of the Cucumber?

5. What historical characters do you associate with (a) a cloak and a puddle, (b) a blind eye and telescope, (c) an axe and a cherry-tree?

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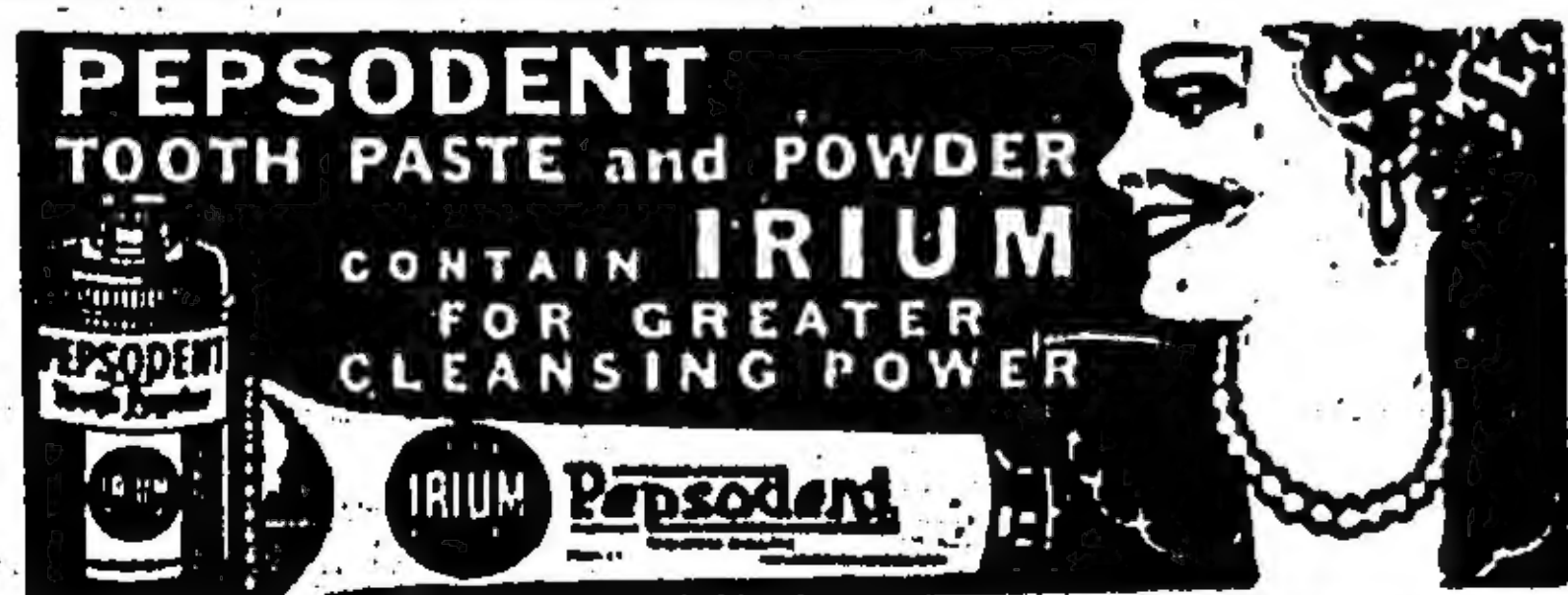
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Interest In Governor's Cup Match League Leaders And F.A. v. Chinese Federation At Causeway Bay To-morrow

(By "Scrambler")

NOW THAT THE SOCCER SEASON is fast drawing to a close, and with the winner of the Senior League having been decided, the interest for this week-end will be focussed on the Governor's Cup Match between the Hongkong Football Association and the Chinese Federation to-morrow on the Navy ground at Causeway Bay.

Eastern Players On Tour

The Chinese team will be very much weakened by the absence of the Eastern's players who are at present in Manila on a tour, but with the abundant talent of the other Chinese teams, this handicap can easily be overcome, especially now that the Sing Tao players will be able to turn out for them.

The Association's team is a well balanced one, but against the fast and nippy Chinese attack, I doubt whether they are good enough to hold them, especially the intermediate trio. Their last line of defence in Roughley and Fraser are second to none in this Colony, but with a none too strong front line, too much cannot be expected from them.

Bright as a centre-half is a tireless worker, but whether his policy of always shadowing Lee Wai-tong will be a paying one in this game remains to be seen. In Freshwater and Thomas, his aides, he has two hard working men, but the speed of the Chinese wingers, whoever they may be, will be a menace.

The Association's attack is consistent, with Howlett leading. He is not only energetic but full of ideas, and with Le Pige as the forger, and Ferrier as the schemer, they should be able to make their presence felt. Fowler is keen and deadly on the extreme right, while Rietsen is a tricky left winger.

Strong Attack

CHEUNG WING-CHOY will not be playing as he is with the Eastern team in Manila, and Sammy Tsang is deputising for him, and between him and Banker there is little to choose, although the Chinese has been playing good football throughout the season.

Hou Yung-sang will have as partner that stout hearted full back, Tsang Chung-wan, although they may not be as strong as the Association's pair. Soong Ling-sing will be their centre half with the last brothers of South China team to assist him. The three are sound, and resourceful.

The strength of the Chinese team will be found in their attack, where each one of the five players is a danger in himself. Lee Tak-kee will be given a chance as Chung Yung-sum is away. Fung King-chung will be returning to his old fold, Lee Wai-tong will be their leader. Chow Ma-ehi the artificial inside-left, will have as partner either Lee Shek-yau or Wong King-chung from Kwong Wah.

The game will develop into the Chinese attack against the Association's defence, but the Association's



Marcus Ng (La Salle College) winning the pole vault at the Inter-School sports at Caroline Hill last week. La Salle College came first.

Matches For The Week-end

Soccer programme for the week-end is as follows:

TO-DAY

FIRST DIVISION

Sing Tao v. Club (Club), 3 p.m. Referee, Glover; Linmen, Copey and Fraser.

SECOND DIVISION

R. Engineers v. Kit Chee (Sookunpoo), 4.30 p.m. Referee, Wilson.

Kwong Wah v. R.A.S.C. (Kowloon), 4.30 p.m. Referee, Demee.

Police v. Sing Tao (Boundary St), 3 p.m. Referee, Emmons.

R.A.S.C. v. Middlesex (Sookunpoo), 3 p.m. Referee, Fraser.

Navy v. S. China (Causeway Bay), 3 p.m. Referee, Baker.

THIRD DIVISION

24th R.A. v. Signals (St Joseph's), 3 p.m. Referee, Edwards.

Air Force v. International (Chatham Rd), 3 p.m. Referee, Williamson.

7th R.A. v. 30th R.A. (Military), 3 p.m. Referee, Banham.

12th R.A. v. Shell (Military), 4.30 p.m. Referee, King Ka-pui.

20th R.A. v. Medicals (Chatham Rd), 4.30 p.m. Referee, Ling-tong.

A.S.A. v. R. Engineers (Kowloon), 3 p.m. Referee, Pike.

TO-MORROW

GOVERNOR'S CUP

H.K.F.A. v. H.K.C.A.A.F. (Causeway Bay), 5.30 p.m. Referee, Marie. Linmen, Omar and Ford.

attack if they can get into their stride should also have some say. However, after all's said and done, a really good game should be on view with chances very even.

Only League Game

THE only other senior league game will be on Club ground to-day when Sing Tao play their last league game of the season against Club. Although they have not had much football locally for the last month or so, their six matches in Manila will stand them in good stead to-day.

As a team, they are far superior to any the Club can muster, and Sing Tao will very likely gather both points. They have a more consistent line up but will be very much handicapped by the absence of Cheung Wing-choy.

Hou Yung-sang and Mak Shui-hon are both steady, and their intermediate trio of Tsui Ah-fai, Leung Wing-chiu and Soong Ling-

sing will be able to take care of whatever attack the Club can offer.

As a shooting power, the Sing Tao's attack is none too impressive, but as far as craftsmanship is concerned, they have it. Fung King-cheung is an artful player, Kwok Ying-kie is a diminutive attacker, and Lal Shui-wing is tricky and is about the only forward able to shoot. Yeung Shui-yick and Ip Pak-wah are the two wingers.

With a dearth of good players, Club are hard put to muster a strong line-up, and will have again to call on the services some of their junior players. Odell in goal will be assisted by Eardley and Strang, and this pair is never steady under pressure. J. Odell will be one of their wing halves with Skinner taking over the centre berth and Millington on his left.

Club's attack is good but lack understanding and thrust. Fowler is a great busier, but without adequate aid cannot expect to put through any appreciable amount of work. Forrow and Scott are good aides, and the former is very hardworking. Rietsen is fast and tricky, if support is given him by Scott should be able to make his presence felt. Despite their shortcomings, Club may yet be able to give a good account of themselves.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Times are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax for all Persons including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN, Secretary, Hong Kong, 24th March, 1941.

A DARING CLEARANCE



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Softball Schedule

MEN'S

First Division (A1-K.F.C.)

10 a.m. Recreio v. Filipino Club.

11.15 a.m. Indians v. St Joseph's.

12.30 p.m. Recreio v. C.B.C.

LADIES

Friendly Game

1.45 p.m. Canadian Chinese v. Cardinals.

Recreio XI

The following will represent the Club do Recreio in a League cricket match against the Indian R.C. to-day at Recreio.

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Indians Clash Tough Assignment For St Joseph's Ballhawks

(By "Ball Fan")

FOR THE SECOND successive week-end, an overflowing crowd of diehard softball fans will stream through the gates of the Kowloon ball park to take in the three game, "all men's", senior loop card, featuring the gigantic top-spot clash between St Joseph's burly ballhawks and the spectacular Indians, with the pennant climax dangling in the not too far distant.

Recreio's rough riding Rees, Colony champions the past two years, but already eliminated from the current championship race earlier in the season, will stage a doubleheader in a big attempt to crash through with two Sabbath day wins, when they tackle the lowly Filipino Club in the opener and the hustling Chinese Baseballers in the nightcap.

In their first appearance at 10 a.m. with Bill Woo, Weldie Welford and George White calling them, the rough riding Rees should experience an "absolutely no difficulty" game against the weak-playing Filipino Clubbers who have been pretty easy pickings for practically all teams in the senior loop this year.

Dave Amper's gang, with a sprinkling of veterans to augment their inexperienced rookies, have played very loose ball this year and are just about the weakest lineup ever to appear in Filipino Club uniforms.

Harry Noronha's Rees are slated to start their dugout warmers in this fracas and should be able to chalk up an easy win.

NOSED out in a terrific championship battle last season on the Recreio ground, St Joseph's league leading ballhawks will be out there in a desperate fight to retain their current lead when they clash with the spectacular Indians at 11.15 a.m. with Nip Lum, A. V. Gosano and Bill Woo handling the refereeing duties.

Already twice postponed, this colossal encounter has been earmarked the most important game of the year, bringing together a team that has always been up near the top in local softball circles against an Indian nine that has proven to be the sensational team of the year.

The Indian battery of Kassa Nazarin and the peppery Turzan Ismail will carry a slight all-round advantage into the fray over St Joseph's duo.

Weekly Wind-up

Ray Dumont, popular American inventor of screwball baseball implements, is at it again—Dumont is the futuristic young man who originated and nursed along the National Semi-Pro Congress. Never overlooks a new stunt which might lure customers—his inventions are used in the semi-pro leagues.

He started his innovations rather modestly in 1939 with an automatic home plate duster—intended to relieve the umpires of the bends downwards—In 1940 he invented a leaping microphone to pipe player v. umpire arguments to the fans—This year he expects to try a magic-eye umpire on balls and strikes—Although, what will happen if the eye falls asleep and fails to catch a ball coming over the plate, is open to question—Probably a balk on the darn contraption.

His 1942 improvements are already designed—They include a photo-finish camera to catch plays at home plate—intended to dispense with any argument over a nose finish when some outfielder comes tearing down the stretch carrying 200 pounds.

This trick camera will be concealed in the ground—When runner starts from third for home, a button puncher goes into action, and camera rises to record everything that happens within ten feet home plate.

Sure is a screwball innovation—During night games when an argument in this respect breaks out, these pictures would be developed immediately and projected in slow motion to ball fans on a huge screen in the outfield.

Some of these screwball innovations might come in handy in our weekly confabs at the Kowloon ball stadium.

However, the league leaders High Nazarin and the peppery Turzan Ismail will carry a slight all-round advantage into the fray over St Joseph's duo.

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WINGS ACROSS ATLANTIC

WHEN it was announced that the larger aircraft which the American factories are building for Britain would be flown across the Atlantic, thus saving valuable shipping space, most people hailed the idea with enthusiasm, but possibly with the mental reservation that some at least of the aeroplanes would be bound to come to grief on the way across.

It is therefore very gratifying information that several hundreds of these heavy bombers have already achieved the journey without a single loss, and that so successful has been the method that it is being increasingly put into effect.

Thus, when the phrase "hundreds of American planes will soon be streaming weekly across the Atlantic to Britain" is used, it is no rhetoric statement, but a sober fact made possible both by the excellence of the American productions and the skill and intrepidity of the pilots. The record of the trans-Atlantic flights by heavy planes is, in fact, the highest possible tribute to the quality of American aircraft manufacture, and has been especially encouraging in view of notoriously unfriendly weather in the Atlantic during this time of the year. With these giant and trustworthy machines, the R.A.F. will be able to carry aerial warfare into the enemy's camp with increasing vigour and effectiveness—a factor generally recognised as being essential in order to bring the Nazis finally to heel.

This established trans-Atlantic service also permits reflection on the happier days to come, when the world will be at peace and the aeroplane will resume its proper function of bringing the nations of the earth into closer touch. All-the-year-round air travel between the Old World and the New would seem to be indicated as a certainty by these present performances of the American bombers.

The impetus given to aircraft design will be one of the few good things to come out of this war, as it was of the last.

SIDE BY SIDE WITH "ALL OUT" AID IN FIGHTING EQUIPMENT TO BRITAIN

Roosevelt Plans A Diplomatic Offensive

The United States has joined Great Britain in a broad diplomatic offensive, side by side with its "all-out" aid in fighting weapons, in an effort to strip Adolf Hitler of his present and potential Allies.

America's diplomatic moves, soon to be followed by methods of economic warfare reaching around the world, already involve Italy, France, Spain and to a lesser extent neutral Ireland.

The outcome of these behind-the-scenes activities, I was told by high Washington officials, will vitally affect the extent to which the United States will be compelled to go in carrying out President Roosevelt's programme to "guarantee" a British victory.

Their success, it is contended, may prove far more important in turning the tide against Hitlerism than the guns, ships, planes and shells which the United States will be able to squeeze through the bottlenecks of its arms programme this year.

First Target

The No. 1 target of the British-United States diplomatic attack is Italy, where U. S. pressure is being brought hand-in-hand with the blows being delivered to the Fascist war machine in north Africa and Albania by Greek and British forces.

Second in importance to Italy is defeated France. High administration quarters foresee an early showdown between Hitler and the Vichy government of Marshal Henri Philippe Petain—a showdown which might throw France back into the war against the Reich if Hitler's demands prove too stern.

Washington is particularly concerned about the French possessions in West Africa, such as Dakar, whence German planes might easily hop off to attack South America, and is anxious that they be kept out of Hitler's hands.

United States Ambassador William Phillips has been rushed back to his Rome post from Washington for the eventuality of an Italian collapse, and is reported to have "information" for King Victor Emmanuel, perhaps more forceful than President Roosevelt's New Year greeting to the Italian monarch expressing the hope that the Italian people this year "may be enabled to enjoy the blessings of a righteous peace."

"Watch Badoglio!"

If Italy's prosecution of the war blows up, the administration believes the initiative probably will come from the pro-monarchist army aristocracy.

The word in Washington is "Watch Badoglio"—Marshal Pietro Badoglio, former Italian Chief of Staff who has been replaced.

Washington hears that Mussolini's prestige, amazingly high among his people in peacetime, has sunk to a "pitiful low," and that he guessed completely wrong when he entered the war at the time of France's collapse in anticipation of a quick Axis victory.

If Mussolini—who showed Europe the way to dictatorship—should fall, the army probably would restore some of diminutive King Emmanuel's shorn glory.

Diplomatic advisers of the President do not foresee any possibility of Italy going over to Britain's side in the war and believe that, if the crack-up comes, the Italians merely will put down their arms.

However, the possibility of fighting is not excluded, because Germany would be quick to send troops sweeping down from the north for a complete occupation of the Italian boot.

British Occupation?

Some Washington quarters suggest that, in view of this situation, Britain's victories over Italy in North Africa and the Greek-British victories in Albania may be followed by British occupation of the Italian peninsula itself, in order to forestall a German invasion.

This would seem to be a stupendous undertaking—placing British

troops at the Brenner at Germany's back-door—but the vast Empire reinforcements for the British army reaching North Africa recently might make it possible if Fascist forces in Africa were to be completely shattered, by either force of arms or surrender.

Germany, it is realised in Washington, could not be content with merely an occupation of Italy but would seek to drive the British out of Albania and Greece as well.

This fact, according to Washington observers, may explain some of the mystery of Germany's military movements in the Balkans.

With his troops in full control of Italy, Hitler would be expected to strike with lightning speed down to Sicily and try to cut the Mediterranean at its waist and slice the British Empire life-line—to accomplish what Mussolini failed to do.

Aggravate Unrest

The United States is banking upon its all-out aid to Britain to aggravate the Italian unrest and to encourage

By Everett R. Holles

United Press Cable Editor

the army, the people and King Emmanuel to throw out Mussolini.

Ambassador Phillips has instructions to make it clear in Rome that the United States is determined to see the war through to a British victory, whatever the consequences. There may be implied promises of U. S. food for the Italian people, through the British blockade, if they will lay down their arms and resist any German occupation.

The situation in Italy to-day recalls a boast which Adolf Hitler is reported to have made in 1938 to Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg of Austria, now a prisoner of the Germans, that the time would come when he would stage a "Second March on Rome," with Brownshirts instead of Blackshirts.

France's Course

The question of Italy dovetails completely with the question of France's future course.

The State Department in Washington is pretty well convinced that Hitler has made demands on the Vichy government involving the still formidable French fleet, French naval bases and the possible movement of German troops across unoccupied France for an attack on Gibraltar.

Hitler could, of course, take over unoccupied France, speedily and easily, but France's immobilised strength is not there. It lies in the 100 or more French warships at Toulon and other bases, and in General Maxime Weygand's 300,000 troops in north Africa and the Near East.

The United States feels that Petain and Weygand must be impressed by the latest U. S. moves to aid Britain.

Advice To Vichy

The instructions of Admiral William Leahy as U. S. Ambassador to Vichy are to convince the French leaders that it is time for them to turn against the German conquerors, perhaps to flee to North Africa and resume the war.

Leahy carried to Petain a personal promise from President Roosevelt

that the U. S. will do all in its power to help France to rise again.

The recent decision to ship medical supplies and other necessities into unoccupied France, with consent of the British blockade authorities, is part of this new diplomatic offensive.

Franco's Spain

In the same manner, these supplies are being sent to Spain in what may be called part of the Anglo-American efforts to keep Gen. Francisco Franco from going over completely to Hitler. But so far the efforts to wear Spain away from the Axis have raised only scant hopes, and both Washington and London are frankly suspicious of Franco. This is shown in a warning to Madrid that the extent of aid to Spain "depends upon developments and the fulfilment of the general conditions of the agreement"—meaning that supplies of sorely-needed flour, prepared milk, vitamin concentrates and drugs will be shut off if

Spain moves any closer to the Axis powers.

Until it is apparent which way France is to go—with Germany or against her—the United States will make no move to take over the French Caribbean bases, including Martinique.

But should the French capitulate to Hitler's demands, American warships already hovering around the islands would be sure to seize them and thereby reinforce a gap in the U. S. chain of defences between Trinidad and Puerto Rico.

The President has told friends that he is opposed to taking over Martinique at this time, contending that Jamaica is an infinitely better base and that an entire fleet could be accommodated there.

The President pointed out to these friends that the 300,000 population of Martinique would be an economic responsibility at this time.

The Stakes

What are the stakes which might be gained from the United States' diplomatic pressure on Italy and France?

1. The French fleet, most cruisers, destroyers and other light vessels, ideal for Mediterranean warfare, together with Weygand's forces could tip the balance for a knockout of Italy.

2. Italy's withdrawal from the war, a major blow to the Axis prestige in the Balkans and elsewhere, would spread Germany's war effort to the Mediterranean zone, which she could not reach with German naval craft.

3. Scores of British war vessels, including destroyers, would thereby be released from the Mediterranean for the escort of convoys of U. S. war materials across the Atlantic, thereby relieving one of the greatest troubles now confronting the British.

And What Of Eire?

United States diplomatic manoeuvres in respect of neutral Eire are proceeding cautiously, but there is every indication in Washington that the United States soon may take a stronger stand with Eamon de Valera.

There is growing fear among Washington diplomats that Germany may attempt to take advantage of Eire's fears and confusion and attempt an invasion, in the same manner that Norway, Belgium, Denmark and Holland were overrun to "protect them from the British."



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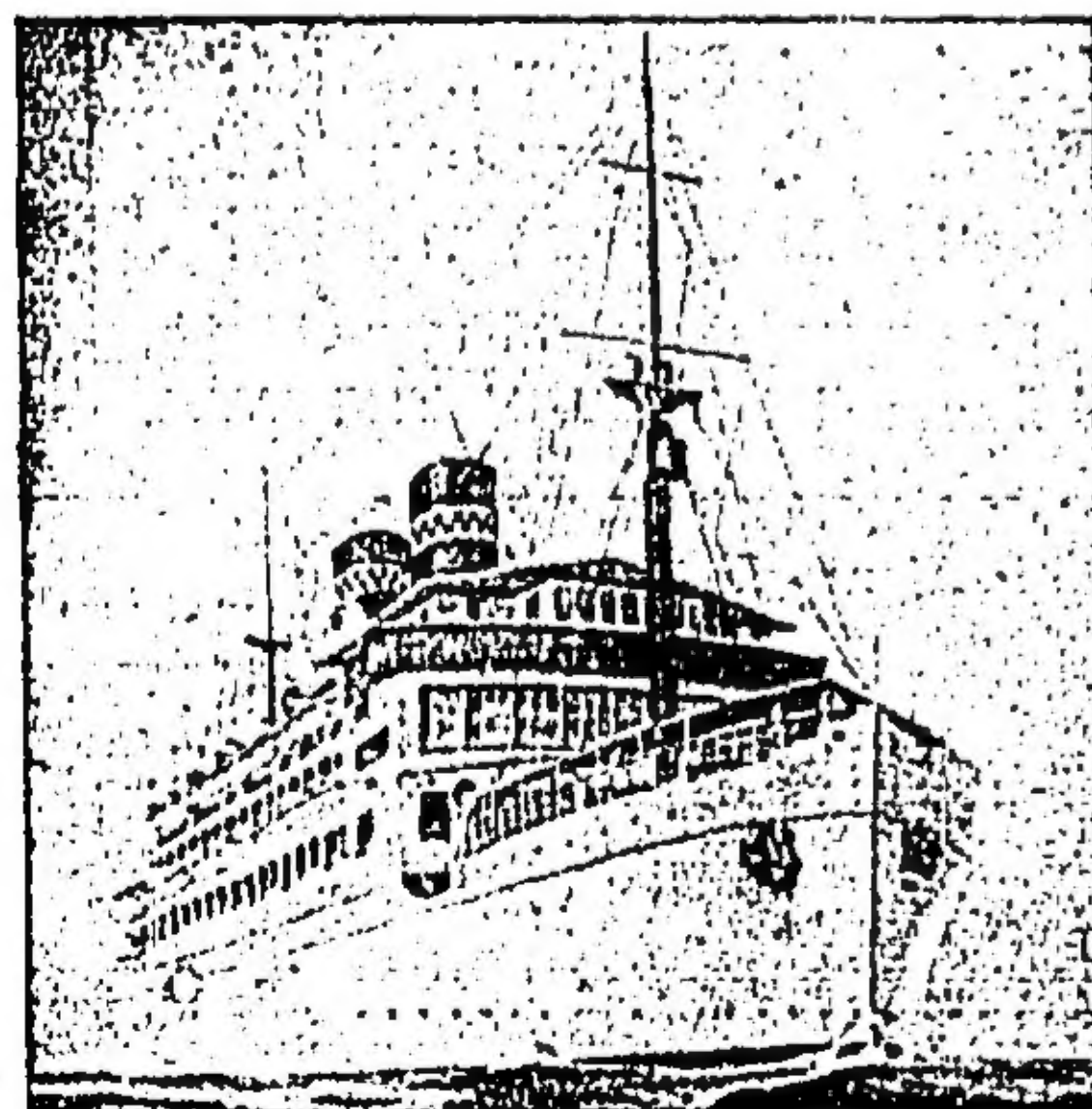
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CIVILIAN ARMY OF BRITAIN

Killed In Raids

LONDON, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—The impressive strength of the civilian forces in Britain and the efficacy of their work were stressed by Miss Ellen Wilkinson, Joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Home Security, speaking at Newcastle to-day.

The total number of persons employed in such services was 1,750,000.

She disclosed that the latest figures of the number of civilians killed in all air raids on Britain since the outbreak of war was only 28,859 while those seriously wounded aggregated 40,166.

Tribute To British Export Trade

On Time With Deliveries

LONDON, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—The Swedish newspaper, "Gothenburg Morgonposten," says: "It is a remarkable performance that during the war British could increase deliveries of textiles and chemical and electric goods to the extent given."

"Trans-ocean countries have found that they could not only depend on Britain's delivery of goods ordered but their delivery on time."

"Neither U-boats nor bombers have been able to a great degree break the British patrols. If the British losses remain as at present they can be replaced entirely by new ships built in Britain and the United States."

N. Z. Premier To Visit England

WELLINGTON, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—The Premier, Mr. Peter Fraser, is to pay an official visit to Britain. Mr. Fraser informed Parliament before it adjourned for three months to-day that he had accepted Mr. Churchill's invitation to do so.

CHINA WAR NORTH FRONT

—Invaders Retreat

CHUNGKING, Mar. 28 (Central News).—Dispersed and isolated, the various Japanese columns fleeing Kuang and other cities in northern Kiangsu are being intercepted and attacked. One unit which fled to Tangpu west of Kuang was trapped yesterday.

Wenwuille, the Chinese have recovered the heights in the Aekushan area in northern Kiangsi.

The Japanese detachment which landed at Kishhek on the southern Kwangtung coast on Wednesday, captured Lukfung, important city in the Kishhek Bay area.

REFUGEE CAMP TRIBUTE

In connection with picture story of Hongkong's refugee camps, which appears on the first page of our supplement section to-day, it is emphasised by the authorities that special thanks are due to Dr Hsu Shih-ying, vice-Chairman of the National Relief Commission, whose valued assistance in the original construction of the Argyle Internment Camp, and whose continued interest in the well-being of the internees has served as a constant source of encouragement to the Hongkong Government medical authorities administering the camp.

Italian Transport Destroyed

LONDON, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—A submarine has destroyed a 5,000-ton Italian transport and has seriously damaged another smaller steamer, according to the Athens radio.

On The Land

ATHENS, Mar. 28 (Reuter).—Army Headquarters confine the war news to-night to a brief announcement of normal action by patrols and artillery together with a successful bombing attack by Greek aircraft on Italian installations.

It adds that all Greek aircraft returned safely.

LATE NEWS

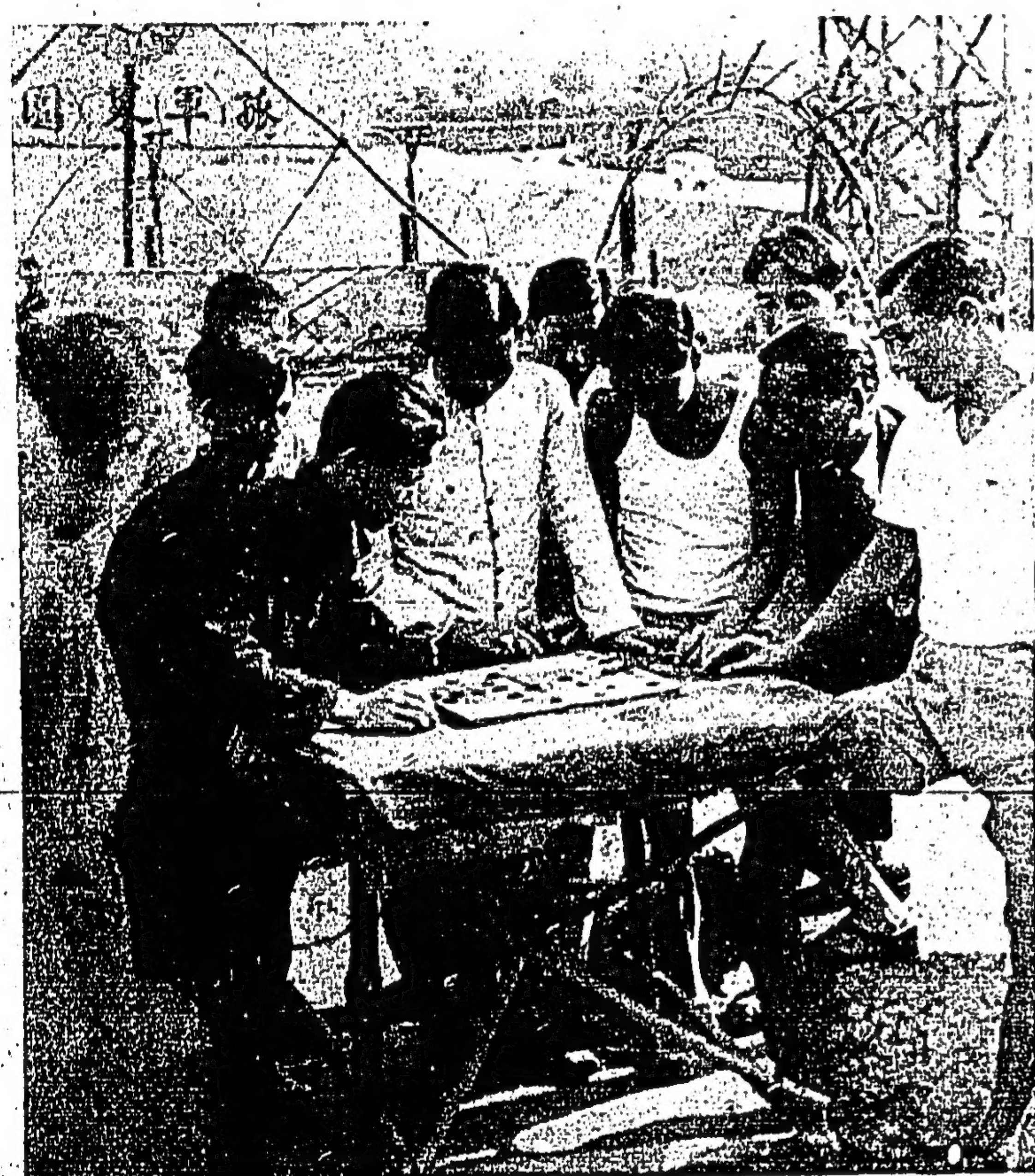
SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1941.



Internees enjoying a basket-ball game. There are over forty teams.



Helping men to help themselves—internees at stretcher drill in connection with first aid work which may be of use in the future.



A game of chess in a quiet corner of the grounds.

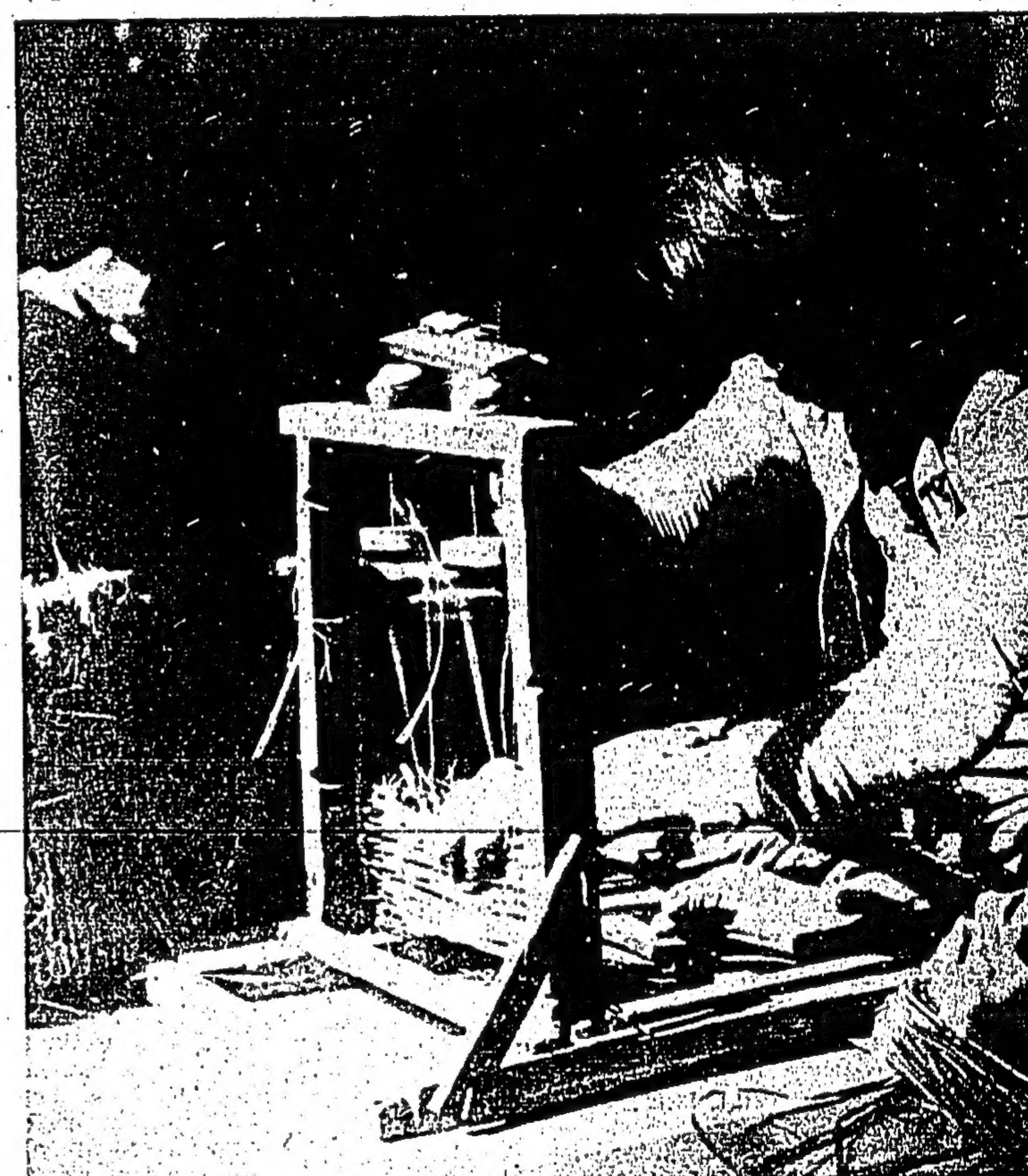
INTERNEED CHINESE SOLDIERS

These pictures are the first ever to be published of the Chinese soldiers who have been interned in Hongkong for the past two years. They were taken by the "Telegraph's" Staff Photographer, through the courtesy of the Director of Medical Services, at the Argyle Street Camp, the general management of which has for several months past been in the hands of the Medical Department.

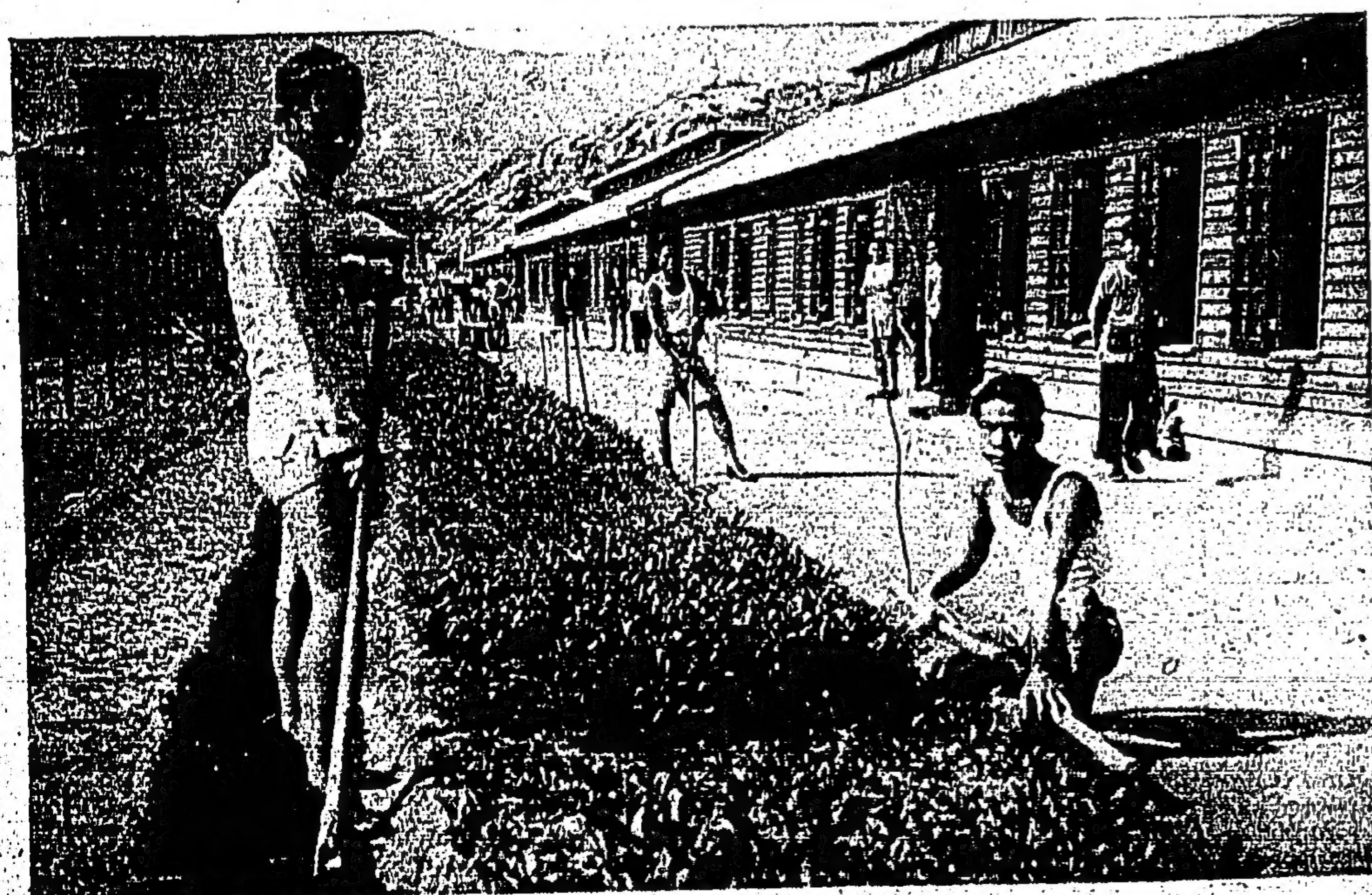
There are at the present time slightly more than 700 men at the Camp. They form part of the Chinese forces which crossed into the New Territories and lay down their arms at the end of November 1938, when the Japanese made their first incursion into Chinese territory immediately bordering on Hongkong.

The initial restlessness of the internees, and the occasional incidents that developed, posed quite a problem for the Hongkong authorities. It is a point to the credit of those who are in direct charge of the Camp, however, that the atmosphere has now undergone a complete change. This has resulted largely from a policy which seeks to place the utmost reliance con-

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Making straw bottle-covers, which are purchased in quantity by local industries.



Many of the men were farmers before they became soldiers. Here they are putting their knowledge to good use.



The dispensary at the Camp, operated by the internees themselves under the supervision of the Hongkong Government Medical Department.

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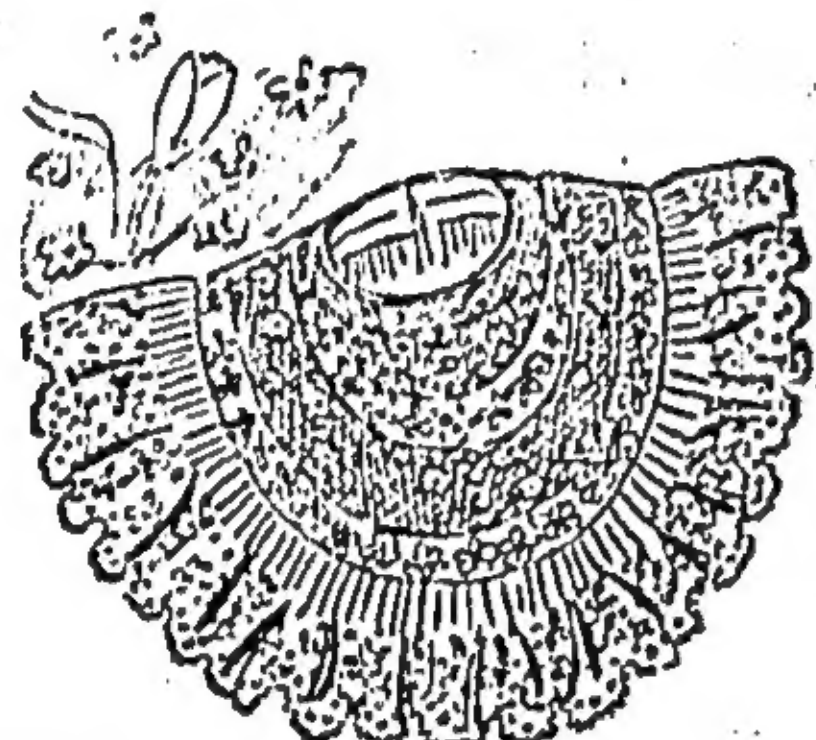
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CURRENT COMMENT... By Scrutineer

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The complete change of Yugo-Slav policy overnight restores the honour of that nation, and it will rejoice and fortify the spirit of Greece. It is their heroic struggle which made it impossible for the Yugoslav people to sink so low as to make themselves the instrument for the destruction of the Greek nation. The name of any country which attacks Greece now will be sullied for centuries.

Past history and present achievements against overwhelming odds have placed Greece upon a pedestal from which it would be dishonourable to dislodge her; and to give Hitler his due, he has not yet attempted to do so. Even he feels that this would be the quintessence of evil and would fully justify the Prime Minister's description of him as Satan.

The adherence of Yugoslavia to the side of the Allies alters the whole strategic position since it exposes Italy to attack in Albania from the north and east and gives bases to the British Fleet on the Dalmatian coast.

It is interesting to note that the most popular of the cruises of the Mediterranean Fleet in peace time was along the Dalmatian Coast where the scenery is beautiful, the cities attractive, where the British sailors were so popular and the people very hospitable.

BALKAN FLARE-UP

It is true, of course, that Germany can also invade Yugoslavia from Bulgaria, but she will herself be threatened by the Turks. It is one thing to occupy Yugo-Slavia with the permission of the government, and another to invade it in face of a hostile people. It means another enemy and a further dispersal of Germany's strength.

Any excuse, however, will be welcome to Hitler for postponing or abandoning his invasion of Britain. The stage is now set for a flare up in the Balkans and it looks as though the struggle will be long and arduous.

SUCCESSES IN AFRICA

The capture of Keren and Harrar are major events in the East African campaign, and the prelude to the final subjugation of Abyssinia. Never in history has retribution followed so swiftly on the heels of aggression and treachery.

Mussolini had sponsored the admission of Abyssinia into the League of Nations, of which Italy was a member and by the laws of which he was bound. In his pride and arrogance he refused to abide by the League's decision which condemned his act, because he thought he was strong enough to defy international law. The ordinary moral code did not apply to him and so he went on from one act of violence to another.

Just as there were few people who did not condemn the invasion in 1936, so there will be few in the world to-day who will not feel that right and justice has been vindicated and that Mussolini richly deserves the terrible punishment that has been meted out to him.

A nation that violates the law of nations is obviously not fit to control the lives of others. Mussolini's dreams are shattered, and his Empire is torn to shreds and tatters as the Prime Minister prophesied it would be.

MATSUOKA IN EUROPE

Mr. Matsuoka is advocating a new order in Asia, and claiming for Japan the right to apply a Monroe doctrine there. It is strange that while he warns America off from Asia, he sees no inconsistency in interfering in European affairs. Still, the visit will have a salutary effect, if while he is in Berlin he experiences one of

those air raids which the R.A.F. so often stages. We do not wish the ambassador any harm on the contrary, it is more important that he should experience the full blast of an air raid and survive. He will, perhaps, realise then more fully what might happen to the matchwood cities of Japan, and what is happening daily in China.

If, in addition, he goes to the Ruhr, to Hamm, Mannheim, Kiel and Gelsenkirchen, and then on to Genoa, Naples and Taranto before going to Rome, he will probably be less ardent in his desire to march south.

The danger in totalitarian states is that they are almost unacquainted with what their opponents are thinking, and so make grave miscalculations. They exclude the foreign press, forbid anyone to listen to foreign radio reports and, discourage travel. They live entirely to themselves. Japan has only German advisers and excludes every other influence. Her army was modelled on that of Germany and her navy on that of Great Britain, but military men are more numerous than sailors and are generally at home while sailors are at sea. Consequently German influence in Japan to-day is dominant.

FOR BALANCED JUDGMENT

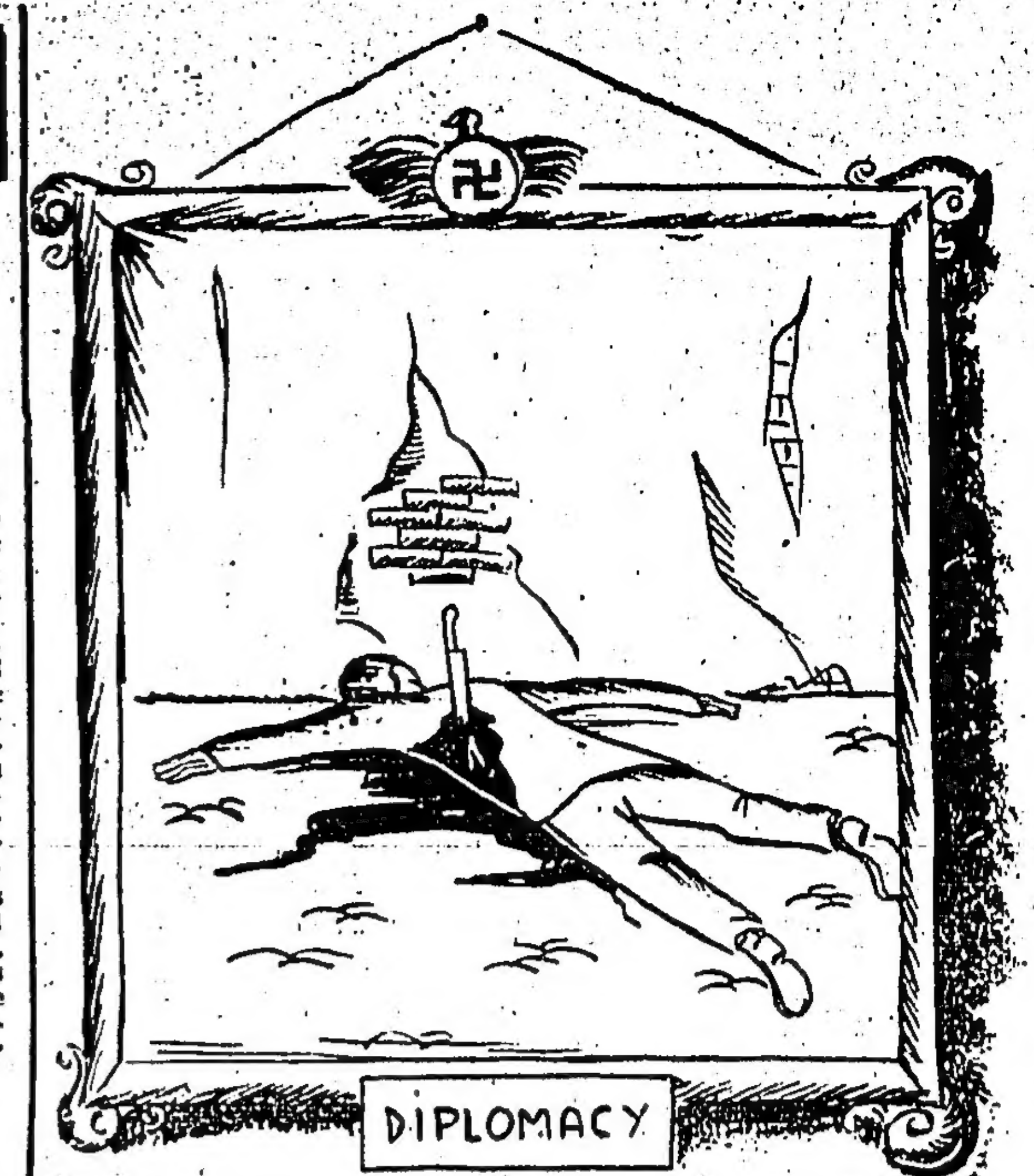
If Matsuoka could only be persuaded to go to London and see the other side of the picture, or to Africa where he could survey the ruins of the Italian Empire, he might return home and be in a position to give a balanced judgment on the world situation. This is unlikely; yet the Japanese newspapers, inspired no doubt from above, are advising greater caution. They fear that Matsuoka might be carried away by the tremendous amount of flattery which the nation is receiving and commit the nation to a policy from which their own country the kicks.

It may be that when Matsuoka goes to Rome Mussolini, who is known to despise Hitler, will show him his scars and warn him not to be such a fool as he was. The Duke will say that he took Hitler's word and now he has to take his orders. Hitler promised the invasion of Britain, but instead occupied the rich oil lands of Rumania. Mussolini was to take Nice, Tunis and Corsica, instead of which he had to take the coast, while Germany stood by and then took control of Italy. "Matsuoka perhaps will see these things for himself. So, perhaps, it is a good thing that Matsuoka is going to Italy. Wisdom lies that way."

LORD HALIFAX'S SPEECH

Lord Halifax made an important speech at the Pilgrims Club in New York on Tuesday. It was probably an advantage that his appointment to the United States was cried down by certain sections of the American press, which took their cue from H. G. Wells. The impression he has made is in contrast with what was anticipated and is, therefore, deeper and much more favourable because of that.

The speeches of prominent men in America and in Britain are nowadays invested with far more importance than ever before, not so much because the war is on, as that the



—By Billiken

foreign and domestic policy of both countries after the war are involved. It is as though America said, "We are providing the weapons of war; what are your plans for the world when you win? We are vitally concerned, and claim a voice in forming them."

Lord Halifax answered that question. When Ambassador Kennedy said that democracy was finished in England he was thinking in terms of a conservative nation, with the sacred rights of property fully guaranteed. The presence of men like Morrison, Bevin and Greenwood in the Cabinet suggested to him that the future will be rather different from the past. The urgency for change in the United States is not apparent, though the New Deal was an indication that conditions could not remain as they were, even there.

From no one could the necessity for adjustment to the new conditions be so gently broken as by Lord Halifax, the representative of the old order and yet a supporter of the new. In the same way, the appointment of Winant, the expert on world labour problems, points also in the same direction. These two appointments, then, are proof of the political sagacity.

FRANCE UNDER VICHY

A strange malady seems to prevail in Europe to-day. We know quite well that Poland, Czechoslovakia, Holland and Norway are suffering bitterly at the hands of their Nazi oppressors and that they are longing and praying for deliverance through the victory of the British. But when we come to unoccupied France, we see that those who are governing the state are not representative of the will of the nation, and yet they determine the policy. The French people listen daily to British broadcasts—at considerable

risk, the students in Paris have paraded in favour of de Gaulle, the people of Marseilles openly wear the de Gaulle badge. In the cinemas there is dead silence when German military movements are shown, and much cheering in the darkness whenever a British soldier happens to appear. In fact, neutral correspondents inform us that at least 80 per cent of the French people are pro-Ally, as they can only see salvation through a British victory.

Yet Admiral Darlan consorts with the Germans and obediently threatens to break the British blockade. What resistance Petain can offer to-day is due to the triumph of allied arms in Africa and round the shores of Britain. Even so he tamely submits to German spoliation.

As many as 265,000 railway wagons have been seized, or 65 per cent of the total as well as the whole cider apple crop of Normandy, 800,000 tons of wheat from fields specially marked with the swastika and a million pigs. The "Voelkische Beobachter," commenting on this, said:

"We must clearly state once and for all, that our own shirt is nearer the skin and that our task consists exclusively in assuring the supply of food in its former degree to the German people."

Darlan and Petain know this and yet demand that Britain should allow food to come to them from the United States and so indirectly assist Germany to win the war.

If the policy of Petain and Darlan represented the will of the French people, then the outlook for France would be bleak indeed. Though they yield to Germany and show their willingness to co-operate with her by putting pressure on Britain, in their hearts they must wish for an allied victory, yet they are not prepared to help in bringing that about.

"TELEGRAPH" SATURDAY FEATURE

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

By John Blunt

The *comp d'état* in Yugo-Slavia, although most heartening, was not altogether unexpected. Almost every section of the country had shown its hostility towards leaders who were prepared to yield to the German threats in spite of the fact that, towards the latter part of the negotiations, Germany deemed it advisable to moderate her requirements and to assume an almost benign role. The Yugo-Slavian determination to ignore the pseudo-blessings of Hitler indicates in no uncertain manner that it is impossible for verbal camouflage of the Germanic type to delude people to-day.

It is obvious that Yugo-Slavia appreciates the magnitude of the task of making a stand against the conflagration which threatens to consume her; but her courageous decision may well be of tremendous value in putting heart into her neighbours. It is far more than a gesture. It is a declaration of defiance against the common aggressor, and, as such, must serve more than ever to stiffen the resistance of those nations which as yet have escaped the Nazi curse.

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The hope expressed by Lord Beaverbrook the other night, that Britain and the United States might become re-united, must have produced many an Amen from American and British listeners alike. Both nations are sick of the bickerings of other races which have led up to the present world-wide calamity. Both nations desire peace, prosperity and freedom for all who live beneath their flags, and both can exercise sufficient power to correct, when necessary, all upstarts and tyrants.

Even if difficulties may be experienced in merging Britain and America into a one-nation organisation, our identity of interests may well prove to be the foundation for mutual friendship and understanding in the future which none can ever

destroy. Each nation is now pouring out its national wealth in a common cause, and although the cost is almost incalculable, the benefits and advantages which must accrue for posterity are equally tremendous.

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It is comforting to note the decidedly rapid wane of Mussolini's star. His troops have been routed wherever they have endeavoured to oppose the Allied forces, whether on sea, land or in the air. How terribly galling it must be to the Italian Dictator, to realise that his ill-advised union with the "Great Hitler" has brought him and his people to such a sorry pass!

He ordered the adoption of an imitation of the German salute. He copied the German goose-step, and he endeavoured to emulate his bombastic counterpart by ranting and raving whenever possible to the sheep-like crowds which gathered at his command beneath the verandahs of his palace in Rome. He led his armada up and down the Mediterranean when there was no foe to be encountered, and behaved generally as an irresponsible, sabre-rattling satellite of Hitler.

Defeat now stares him in the face. Several of his trusted generals and politicians have either forsaken him or been dismissed. Numbers of his generals and other high officers of his army are prisoners of war. His navy has received terrific blows, and what is left lives in funk-holes. It is a tragic history, but the fate of leader and nation alike is richly deserved.

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The other day, the Bishop of Hongkong expressed his belief that the cholera epidemic is due to the high cost of firewood and rice and low wages. Surely he must admit that there is some bacteriological association—or are scientists and research specialists all "hay-wire," as our American friends would say?

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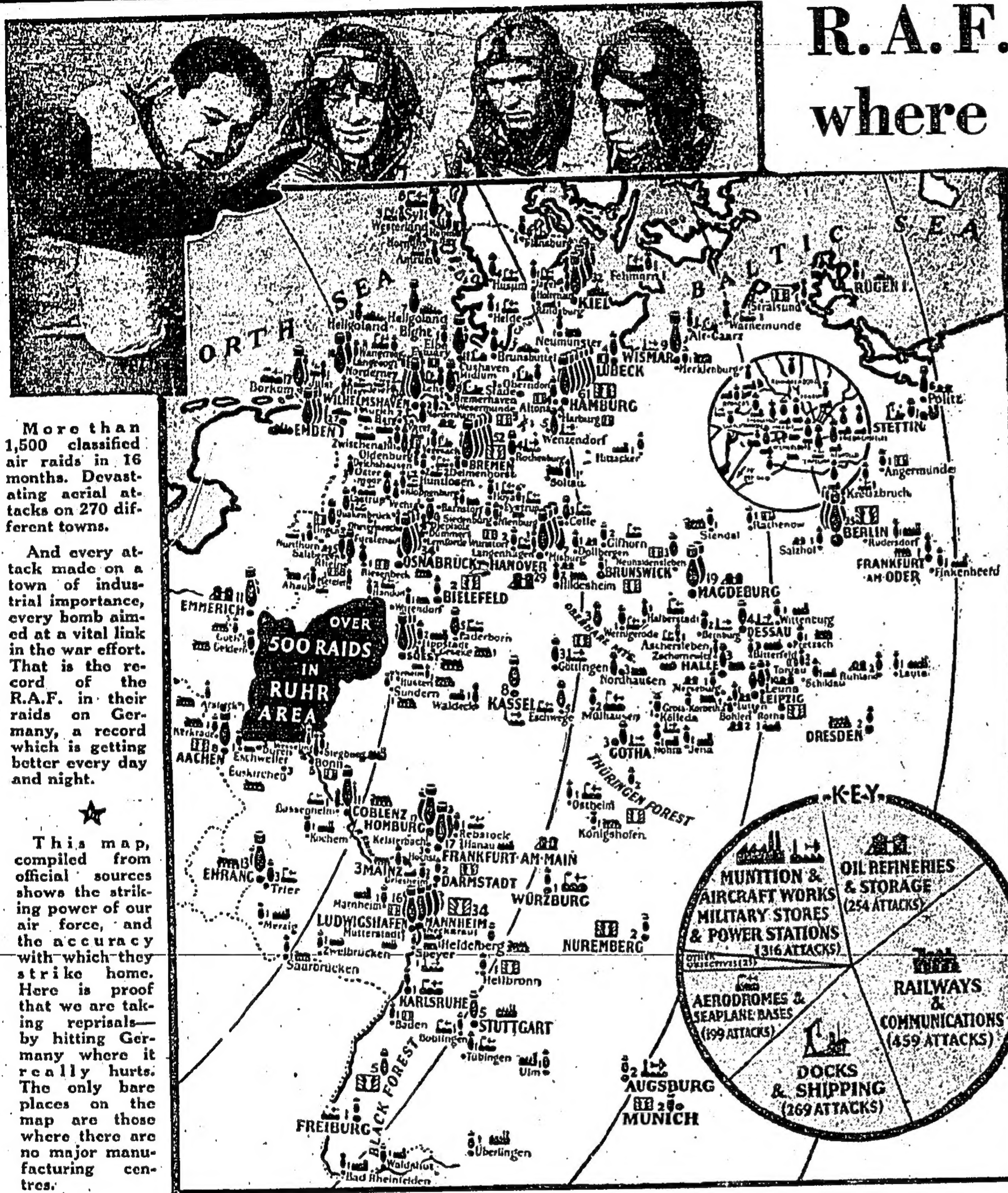
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Any one who doubts the intensity of our air offensive on Germany should study this map, showing the targets we have bombed on German soil from the beginning of the war to January 1, 1941.

At the end of September the number of attacks on target areas stood at 900. In those three months the R.A.F. carried out 600 more—in other words, more than half the number they were able to make in the first thirteen months of war. And by "attack" is meant the bombing of a whole target area, not merely a single objective.

The number of individual towns in Germany bombed by British planes is 270. This, of course, does not include attacks on invasion ports and similar targets outside Germany, or attacks on Italy.

The Germans bomb indiscriminately. Do the British? This map gives the answer.

The pattern traced by the British bombs falling on Germany follows exactly the pattern of the industrial framework on which Germany's war effort depends.

Every bomb is designed to break a bone or pierce an artery in Germany's industry. Practically the only bare places on the map are those innocent of big manufacturing centres.

The Germans have made frantic efforts to move their more vulnerable factories eastward—but the heart of their production machine is still the congested Ruhr area, with Krupp's great home town of Essen in the middle.

Coal, steel, arms factories, chemical works and oil plants are crowded together in this vital area from Munster in the north to Cologne in the south.

That is why it has been given a more severe hammering than any part of the Reich—so severe that all the details of its 500 raids cannot be crowded into this map.

In the last three months raids on Germany have increased by half. But raids on the Ruhr have increased by two-thirds.

In the top right-hand corner of the black area showing the Ruhr is Hamm, and its now famous marshalling yards. It has the honour of being the R.A.F.'s most raided target. They have been there eighty-two times.

The Ruhr is only 350 miles from London. A hundred miles further up the Rhine is another great munitions area along the line Frankfurt-Mannheim-Stuttgart.

More difficult still to reach is Germany's other great munitions and oil centre around Leipzig, 550 miles from London. Here the Leuna plant, normally turning out half a million tons of synthetic oil every year, has had a tremendous pounding—ten times.

Altogether 90 per cent. of Germany's oil plants have received attention. Even Ploetz, on the mouth of the Oder, has been attacked six times—meaning a round trip of 1,300 miles.

Berlin, nearly as far away, has had thirty-five visits and all sorts of objectives in the city have been bombed.

Germany's two greatest ports, Bremen and Hamburg, have been attacked, up to the first day of this year, and not counting the recent tremendous raid on Bremen, sixty-one and fifty-two times respectively. Of the 1,500 objectives so far named in Air Ministry communiques, more than a quarter have been railways and marshalling yards. Another sixth are ships, docks, and canals.

Story of England

BY HUGH S. JOHNSON

IN the two weeks just past, my bedtime reading, which frequently extends to 3 a.m. on some pie-eyed detective novel, has been switched to two aspects of the history of England. One is the whole panorama, to which my short cuts are Dickens' Child's History and Kipling's Puck of Pook's Hill and Rewards and Fairies series. This confession probably dates my mentality, but I have been told by more than one great historian that, however romantic, these quick and simple sources will lead nobody far astray from the truth. The other aspect is Mr Winston Churchill's running contro-he was so right that his logic Peace Conference to this period from 1914 to this date. In his I have just re-ultimate issue of the earlier Aftermath," "Arms and soaked myself—every word war—as for example, his The World published in book form—mobilisation of the fleet in Crisis" and "The Unknown reread and compared it with 1914. Sometimes he was War." The two books first-formation and a quick re-wor excursion in 1914 and statement and even clear-slant at the whole history of in the Narvik disaster in voyance among the most re-England.

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So much for whatever the unfavourable side of the re-formation of his country in her compared with his war leadership of his country in her needs no comment at all and this long windup is just to base an important query. Win, lose or draw, I wonder if, when this long agony is over, he will not be written in history as one of the two of three greatest products of the Anglo-Saxon race in its entire record either in England or America. That "either or" is entirely justified because we can be pardoned in our pride that his mother was an American.

If his voice had been only partially heeded from 1933 to as late as 1937 the present world catastrophe could certainly have been avoided. He stated and proved his case in advance in economic, military and diplomatic policy. His predictions on the military effect of the occupation and later fortification of the Rhineland and almost every other principal Nazi development now seem almost uncanny in their correctness.

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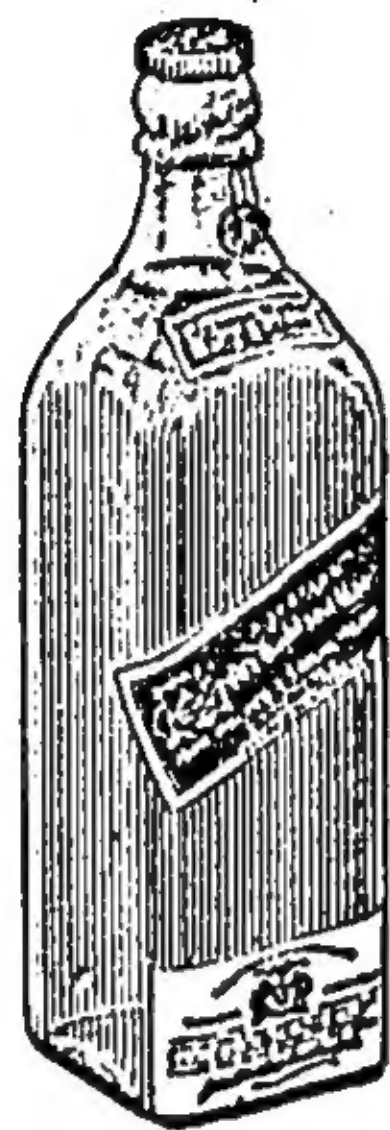
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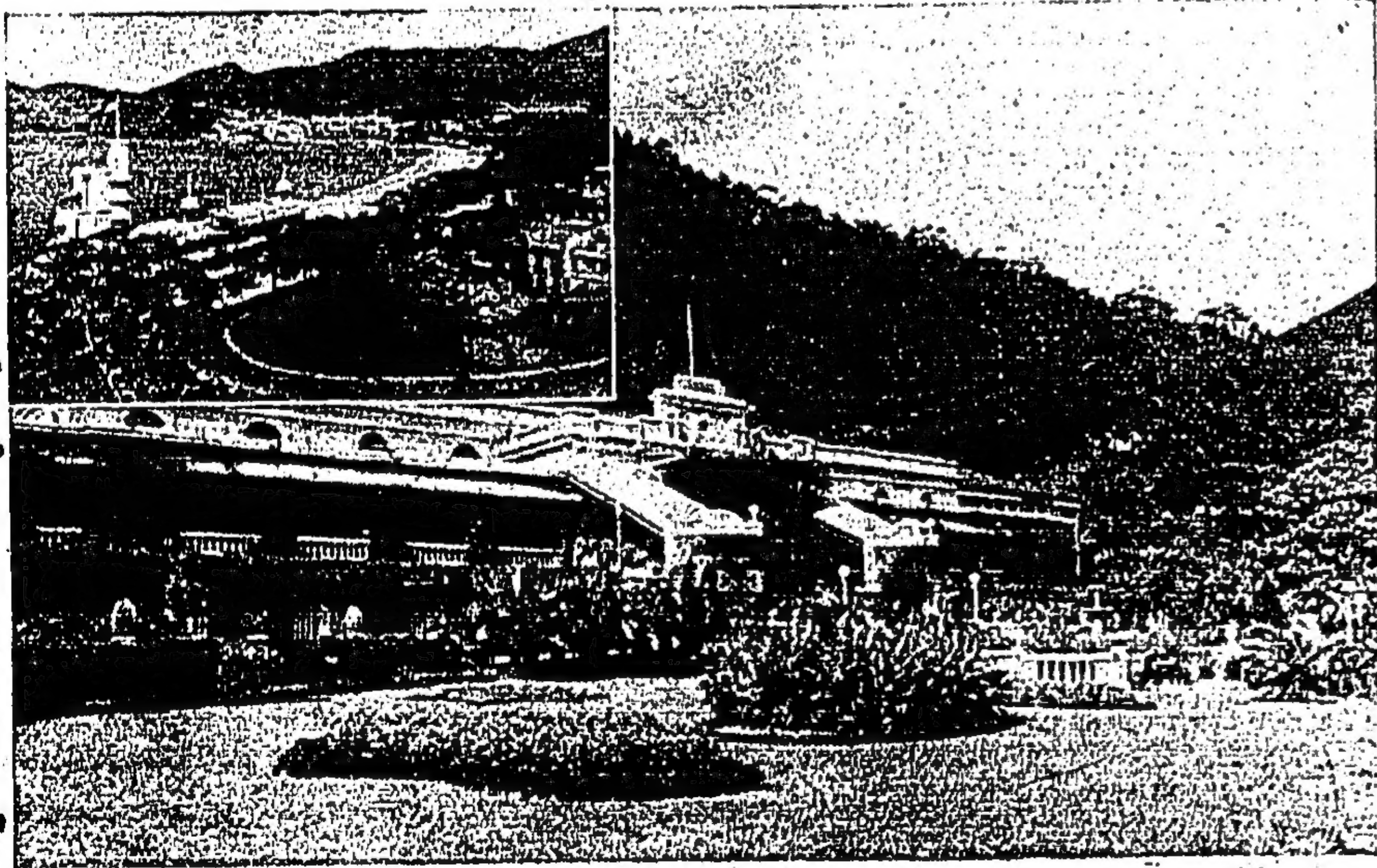


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WHERE, before the war, his conversation with other Arab chiefs had been confined to danger to their ambitions in the sounding them as to their views on the subject, on the actual outbreak of war they became crystalised with the definite object of preparing for a formal confederation conference.

But the German Foreign Office has long ears. Whispers of those early conversations reached the Wilhelmstrasse through secret Nazi agents in the Middle East. The whispers were en-

The conspirators turned out to be none other than the Nazis' protégé, the Sherif Abdul and five of his men.

All the men were executed. Sherif Abdul himself was saved from the gallows only because he is the descendant of Prophet Mohamed. Now he lies a prisoner in King Ibn Saud's hands, who is continuing with his plan.

ONCE confederation is achieved there is a strong possibility that other Moslem kingdoms will join it for security reasons, kingdoms such as Afghanistan and Iran, which are already linked by the political-military Sadabad Pact.

Among those who are working with Ibn Saud to bring about the confederation are the Arab nationalists of Syria-Lebanon, who have consistently demanded independence for their country from the French Mandate, the Mufti of Jerusalem, hitherto an inveterate enemy of Britain, the autocratic Iman Yehia Yemem, the democratic Emir Abdullah of Transjordan, the independent Sultanates of Oman and Kuwait and the nationalists of Iraq.

Thousands of Arabs are already fighting with Britain. If the federation comes about before the end of the war, a united Islam will declare military alliance with Britain and a Holy War against Hitler and Mussolini—50,000,000 Moslems fighting for Britain.

THE HIDDEN FRONT

Why Hitler Tried To Kill A King

By A Special Correspondent

concessions. He preferred instead to accept a lower offer from American interests whom he knew had no territorial ambitions.

At the outbreak of war it was Ibn Saud, most progressive of all Arab leaders, who first realised that if Hitler and Mussolini were to win, the Arabs would be enslaved and their independence and religious freedom gone for ever.

It was Ibn Saud too who realised that a British victory would mean the ultimate success of a plan of which he had long dreamed—a gigantic federation of Arab states throughout the Near and Middle East from Morocco to Syria and the Persian Gulf.

The Germans learned from the plan, the one man who could bring the confederation into being through the forces of his

Mussolini, The Quisling Of Italy

by
Peter Matthews

The Italian people are at last beginning to realise what the linking with Germany means; Britain now has a great chance to exploit the half-heartedness of an obviously war-weary nation.

We are apt to think of Major Quisling as the first of Europe's traitors. He was not. Benito Mussolini was a "Quisling" when the name of Quisling was unknown outside Norway—except to the men of Himmler's Gestapo.

Four years ago Mussolini sacrificed the national interests of the Italian people by hitching his wagon to Hitler's star. German domination of Europe spelt the end of Italy's existence as an independent European State.

The growth of German power has meant that Italy's trade has been steadily driven from one South-Eastern European country after another. Hungary, which once looked to Italy, is to-day little more than a German "Protectorate." Independent Austria, which was regarded by the Italians as a bulwark against German expansion, is to-day a German "gau." And the Nazis sneeringly refer to Mussolini as "Gauleiter of Italy."

Pro-British

For a century, the Italian people have been pro-British and anti-German. They were still pro-British and anti-German when "Hitler's little dog" declared war on Great Britain on June 10, 1940. They had no wish to see their country playing the contemptible part of Europe's cannon

"WHAT is an Englishman?" asks Siberia. He peels the cellophane off a cigarette-packet; rolls it into a thin spool, twists it into a kind of string, tests the strength of it in his hands, and comments: "A man in jail could make a rope out of stuff like this."

The Kid from Widnes, who now has hopes of becoming a corporal, says: "You block git! An Englishman is an Englishman—a feller what's born in England."

"Quite so," says Siberia. "But I am still asking 'What is an Englishman?' Take the men in this platoon—all English soldiers, yet all of different types. The English are a mixed race. That is one of their glories."

"Mind the sen," says Simpson, who, if words were blows, would be Jack Dempsey. "I'm no mixed race."

"The English," says Siberia, "are a blend of bloods. Blood, like whisky or tobacco, needs to be blended, so that it combines the virtues of several different places."

"The Ancient Britons were a species of savage. For a long time the Phoenicians traded with them, and left their blood in Britain."

"You still see black-eyed, hook-nosed Semitic types in Devon and Cornwall—and even find Asiatic names of places, like Marazion."

a country where anti-Semitism was unknown, compelling his people to sacrifice butter for guns.

The evidence of the Greek campaign suggests that the heart of the Italian people is not in Mussolini's war. The Italian Alpine have a good reputation as mountain fighters. They were far better equipped than the Greeks. Yet Italian arms have suffered a reverse far more humiliating than Caporetto.

War-weariness has no doubt played its part, for the Italian people, before ever it embarked upon the struggle against Great Britain, had been unintermittently at war for three and a half years, from the autumn of 1935 to the spring of 1939. They may perhaps reflect, when they read of Senor Suner's journeys to Berlin and Berchtesgaden, that they fought in Spain to establish not Italian but German influence there. A Quisling's lot is not a happy one.

Hitler's Method

Confronted by a state of affairs in France which had much in common

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long boat, and he would be a Viking boy.

"The Long Man of Durham" has the profile of a Roman. He was made when Hadrian built his Great Wall right across North England, to keep out the "fading Picts" and Scots.

"The Surrey Blond Man is straight and Anglo-Saxon, from head to foot. The Devon Farmer, with his wide shoulders, still has a dash of the old Semitic races that traded in the West of England which gave him birth. Looking round, I can see an animated History of England."

"So what" says the Surrey Blond Man.

"This," says Siberia. "The Germans try to claim race-purity—which is in any case absurd, since no race is pure. Only a fool would claim it."

"England, however, may boast of its perfectly-balanced blending. That is better—just as good old whisky is better than raw spirit."

"So England has the doggedness and subtlety of Phoenicia, the firmness and the discipline of ancient Rome; the honesty of the Saxons; the mad courage of the raiding Vikings—all boiled down. And very nice, which never have worked completely too."

"Outside!" calls a Sergeant, and we go out, in time to hear the huge drone of an All Clear, which sounds like the hum of something—perhaps the world—spinning rather too fast. Call him Sate and put him in a for comfort.

with the present situation in Italy, will realise that Mussolini has betrayed Italy, as Quisling betrayed Norway.

Great Opportunity

If the Greek advance should compel Mussolini to withdraw a part of his Albanian garrison, the arrival in Italy of tens of thousands of demoralised soldiers will have an incalculable effect upon Italian opinion.

Italy sends troops through Italy to the relief of Albania, Italy will be occupied as much as an "occupied country" as Norway, occupied with the consent of Germany "to the last Frenchman."

Every trifling grievance was exploited. The French soldier was never allowed to forget that the British Tommy's pay was several times higher than his own.

As the Italians come to realise the magnitude of the Albanian disaster, the raw material at Britain's disposal will be quite as valuable as that which Hitler exploited so successfully in France. More and more Italians throw off Hitler's yoke.

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Members of a British regiment in full war kit marching off to manoeuvres in the jungle.



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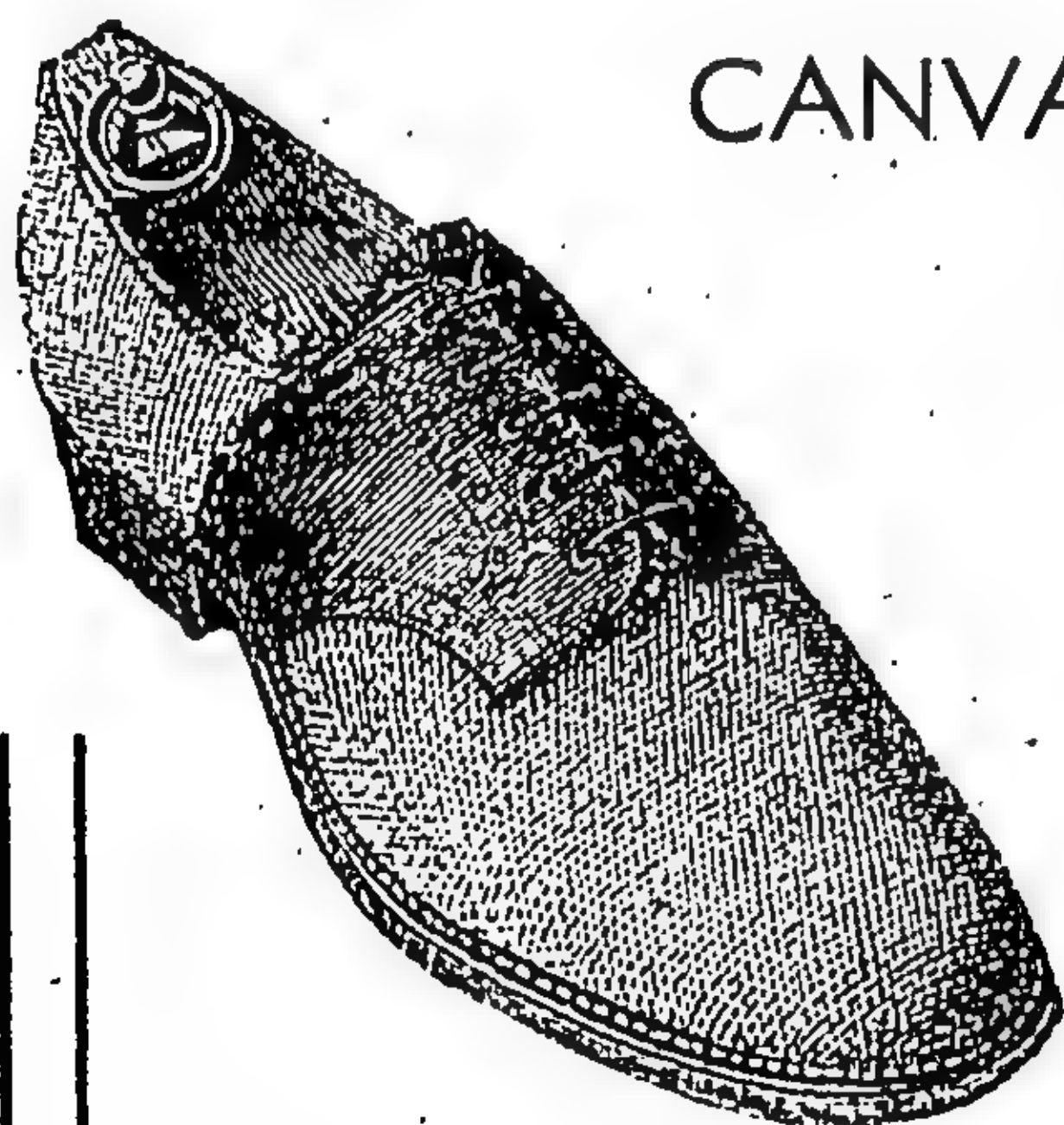
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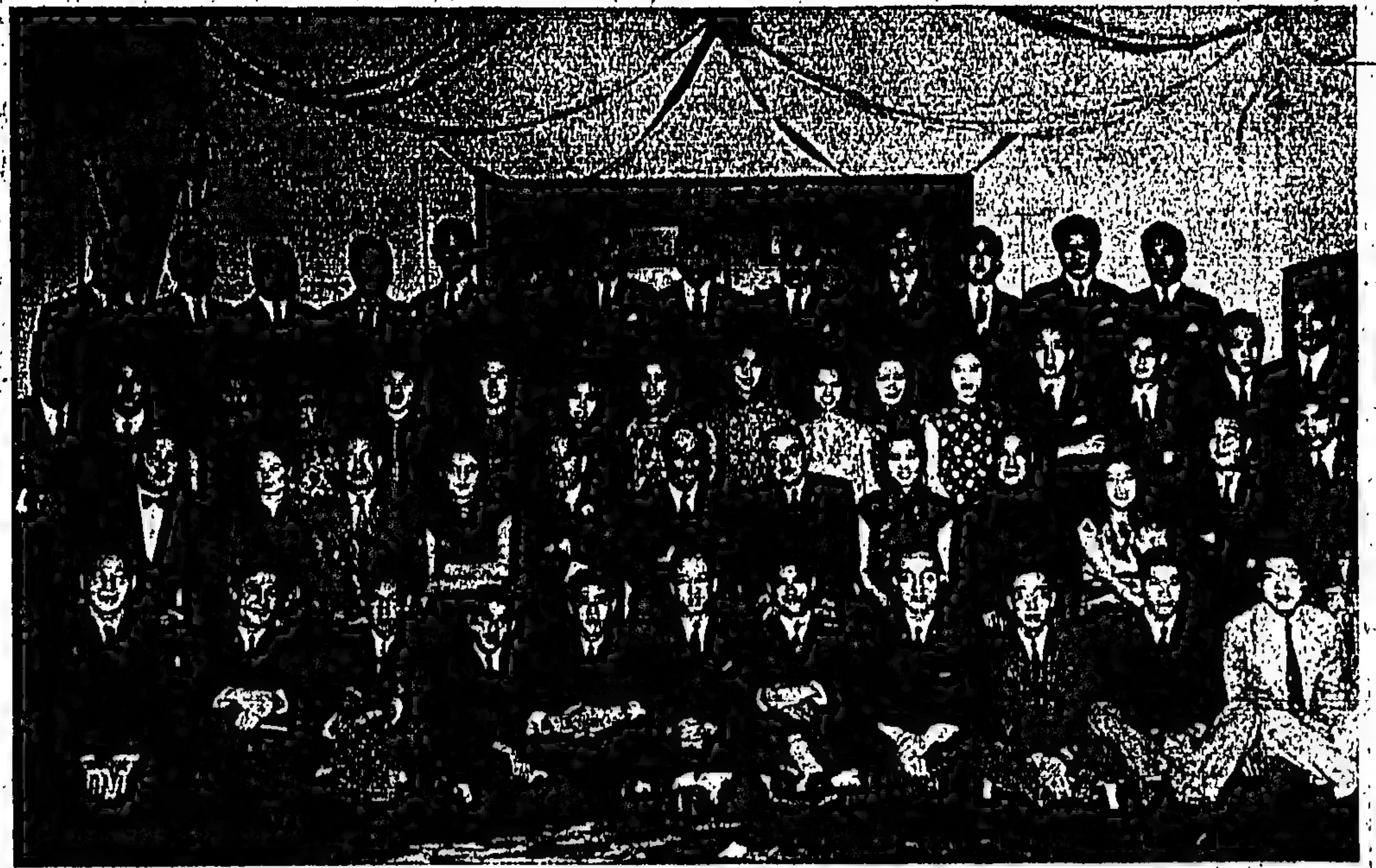
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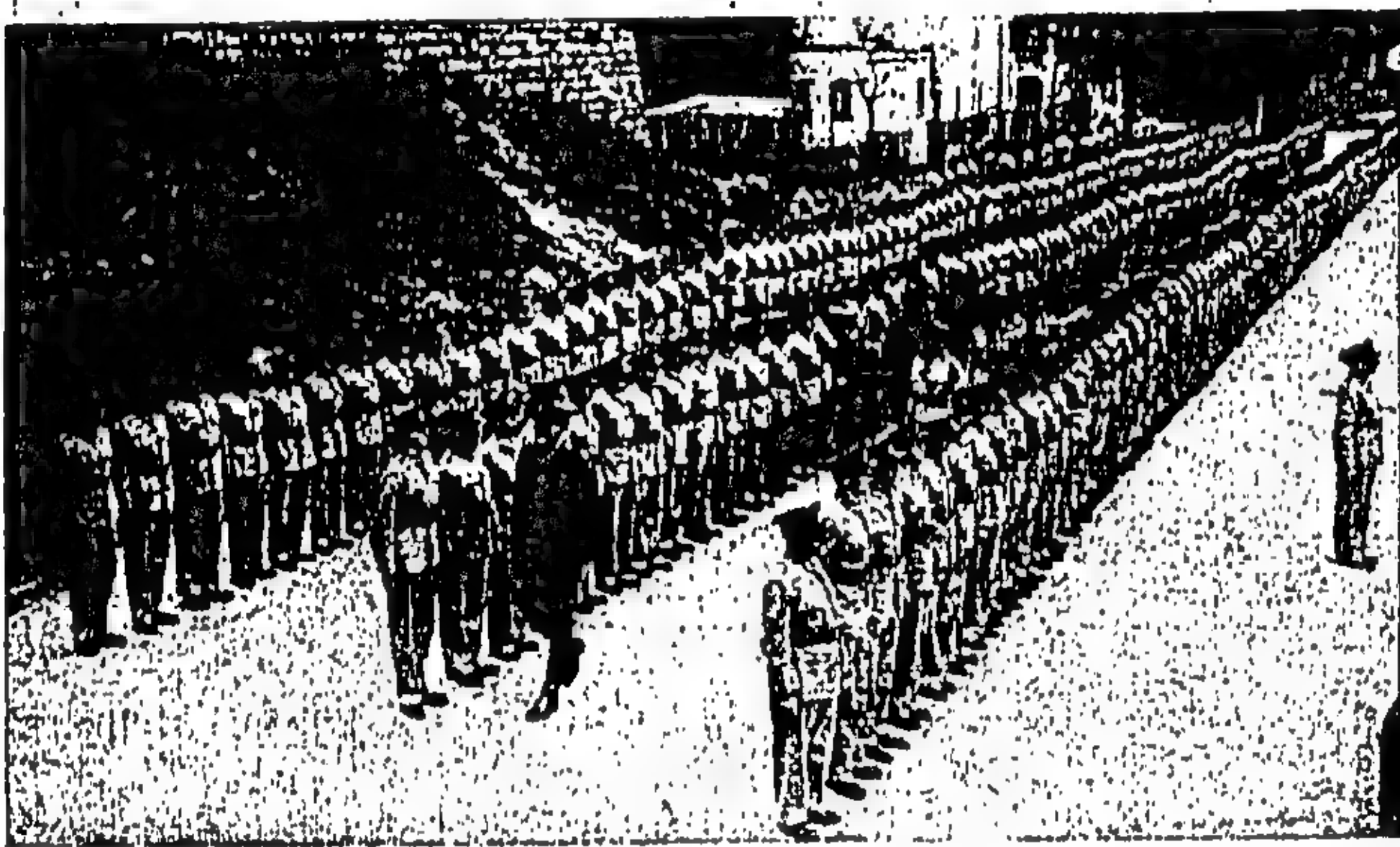
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CATHEDRAL WEDDING—The wedding of Mr William Garland Long and Miss Florence Margaret Fowler took place at St John's Cathedral last week. The above photograph was taken after the ceremony. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



A.R.P. WARDENS' PARTY—Officers and Wardens of District "D," Upper Levels Division, held an At Home on Saturday last at the District Headquarters. Photo shows some of those who attended. (Photo: Sun Ying Ming).



VOLUNTEERS INSPECTED—The Corps Artillery of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps was inspected by His Excellency the General Officer Commanding, Major-General A. E. Grasett, last week. There was a very smart turn-out. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



UNIVERSITY SOCCERITES—Picture shows the Rice Hall football team, Inter-Hostel champions for 1940-41. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



INTERPORTER MARRIED—Miss Decima Eardley, well known in badminton and hockey circles and ex-Shanghai interporter, was married at St Joseph's Church last week to Mr Graham Torrible. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



FANLING SUCCESS—Mr Garrod Treverton, who won the Australian Grand National on Brutus at the Fanling Races last Sunday, seen with the cup presented to him by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote (right). (Photo: Mee Cheung).



JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD—Miss Aurea Baptista, President of the Little Flower Club, reading an address on the occasion of the silver jubilee of the ordination of Fr A. Riganti, Vicar of St Joseph's Church. Fr Riganti is seen seated sixth from right, next to Bishop H. Valtorta. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

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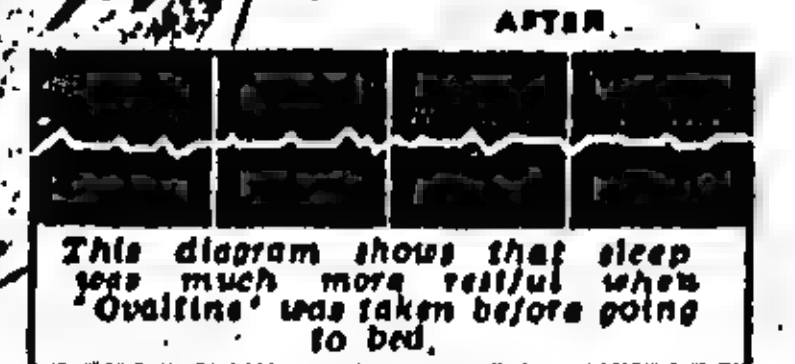
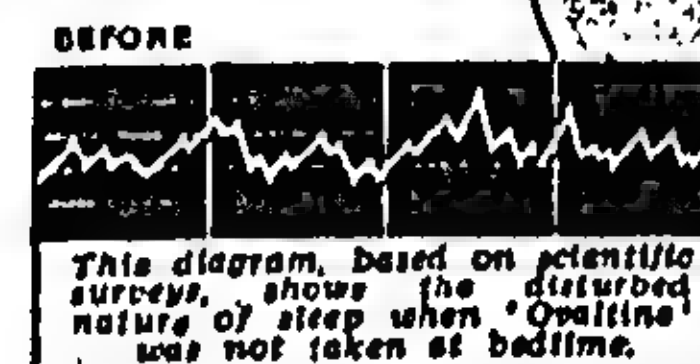
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FEAR OF JAPANESE FELT BY FILIPINOS

The Filipinos are nervous over recent events in Asia. The duration of the Commonwealth is at the half-way, only five more years remaining before complete independence in 1946. And at this stage many Filipinos fear they may lose the comparative ease and security they have been enjoying for forty years under American tutelage and protection.

Broadly, they fear that war will touch their peaceful shores. Specifically, they are apprehensive of Japan's designs upon their country. Her assumption of guardianship over Greater East Asia has given new meaning to apprehensions which had largely lain dormant, like something too far in the future to do anything but let some one else worry about.

Five years ago—even six months ago—few took seriously the idea that the United States and Japan might actually become involved in war in which the position of the Philippines would be decidedly exposed. But now increased numbers are giving way to the fear of sea blockade, of bombings of unprotected cities and peaceful towns, of invasion and conquest, relegation of Filipinos to the humblest jobs in government and business, and death to independence aspirations.

Some Act In Fright

In many sections of the provinces there is near panic. Those with a little knowledge of what is happening are worse off than those who cannot read the newspapers. They are withdrawing their money from banks, taking their children out of schools, gathering their relatives and possessions with brood instinct to wait and tremble for the worst. Scarcely a day passes that does not include a call to Manila from some provincial centre asking if it is true that Japan has declared war upon America, or vice versa.

Suspicion and fear of the Japanese are based partly on the presence of some 30,000 Japanese in the country whose actions are now being closely watched. The conviction is spreading that every Japanese is a potential spy, regardless of whether he has been a peaceful and law-abiding resident of the Philippines for ten or twenty years.

That the infiltration of more Japanese in recent years has been purposeful and planned seems evident to the Filipinos. The islanders met the situation in part last year with an immigration law, approved by the United States Government, restricting to 500 annually the number of aliens of any one nationality who might enter the Philippines. This figure is a relatively small proportion of the Japanese who have been entering the country during the last five years. The Japanese resented this restriction and made formal protests to Washington.

Centred In Mindanao

The principal region of Japanese penetration is the large and rich island of Mindanao. The southernmost corner of this island, near the Dutch-owned Celebes Islands and British North Borneo, is already Japanese in all but title. Here, in the city and provinces of Davao, live and prosper 17,888 Japanese. They control the hemp-growing industry, have their own schools, their own stores, plantations and Japanese style homes.

Davao is a mature nucleus of Japanese civilisation. From here the Japanese are spreading gradually into the central and coastal parts of Mindanao. Japanese chain stores spring up overnight, to the consternation of Chinese tienda owners, whose goods they undersell. They can even more easily undersell American goods, even over protective tariffs. The Japanese



By H. Ford Wilkins

use this fact as an argument that their economy and their commercial goods are better suited to the Philippines than the high-standard products of the United States, especially to a country which has accepted the prospect of comparative penury after independence.

Filipino suspicion of the Japanese is founded more upon their overt actions as a nation than upon subversive actions as residents of the Philippines. The invasion of China and the partial occupation of Indo-China created a more profound impression than has any local maps or infringement upon coastal waters by Japanese fishing craft. At the same time increasing note has been taken of such activities in late months, both by United States military authorities and by the Filipinos themselves.

Near An Airport

In the Province of Albay the Japanese are reported to have leased sizable tracts of land close to the Associated and Standard Oil installations, one plot being just below the local airport,

which, although used commercially, is marked as a landing field for Air Corps use.

In the rich sugar Province of Occidental Negros, central Philippines, there is acute alarm among the Filipinos. The infiltration tactics so successfully used in Davao are becoming more and more prevalent. The Japanese marry Filipino women and acquire lands in the names of their wives, evading constitutional provisions against the ownership of land by aliens. The children of these unions are Japanese in outlook. In one Negro's barrio the Japanese have built a "baseball field" of such generous proportions that the Filipinos are convinced it could serve as an airplane landing field.

The official attitude of the Filipinos is one of unquestioned loyalty to the United States. They have offered in case of trouble all their resources in manpower, all the assistance of their Army, now half way through its development programme under General Douglas MacArthur, one of America's most distinguished soldiers. They can place 150,000 or more trained men in the field, ready

to fight except for guns and ammunition and equipment, of which they do not at present have enough to go around. Whether with the assistance of the United States Fleet and some 5,000 American officers and soldiers of the Philippine Department, United States Army, they could effect a successful defence of sprawling islands is a military question.

Quezon's Reassurance

Officially the Filipinos do not believe this contingency will occur. When one says "officially" in the Philippines concerning matters of national policy, it is to quote President Manuel Quezon. If Mr. Quezon shares the fears of his more unlettered countrymen concerning war and devastation, he exhibits none of it. In order to allay fears he has adopted an attitude of levity.

"Bombs," he said recently, "might do Manila some good. Our streets are too narrow. Destroy some of our old buildings and we'll have a chance to build a real city, with broad streets and boulevards and great stores. Our people don't need to be afraid of bombs. We can get out. Look at the broad fields where we can go and be saved from bombs. We can have picnics."

The President's attitude served to calm the people—until the papers published news about American women and children being advised to leave Japan and China.

Economic Effect Feared

What the President really fears from war is the economic effect upon the Philippines. However, it does not seem inconceivable to the Filipinos that they might obtain certain benefits from the situation that confronts them, benefits in the form of further economic and military assistance from the United States. What they would like is an extension of the Commonwealth adjustment programme for another ten years. They want suspension by the United States of tariff applications and quota restrictions until after peace is established in the world. They wish an immediate formal conference on these things, presumably in Washington.

In exchange for these hoped-for benefits from the United States they offer a continued tariff-free market for American goods in the United States' seventh best overseas market. But they see no reason for abandoning the plan for political independence in 1946 and would like to go through with that part of the programme.

WAR-TIME WIT

ON the door of an air-raid shelter in Edinburgh hangs the notice, "If your knees are knocking, kneel on them." Below this some wag has added, "If your teeth are chattering, take them out."

Some members of a certain Home Guard company had been supplied with rifles, others had not. The commander was issuing instructions to this company prior to a route march and was heard to say, "Those with arms will swing the right arm; those with no arms will swing both."

He was a bashful young cadet, wearing the white band round his hat which signified that he hoped to become an officer. As he approached, the sentry saluted him smartly.

"Oh, it's all right," said the cadet shyly, "You need not salute me. I'm not an officer yet."

Came the reply, "Och, ye're guld enough tae practise on onyway."

There was a football match between Brentford and the R.A.F. The R.A.F. won, 2-1. A few minutes before the end one of the Brentford men made a last despairing effort for his

side. "Never mind, chum," yelled a spectator. "You're not the only people who can't beat them!"

Football-crowds are hard to beat for real humour. Not long ago, one of the teams visiting Tynecastle turned out in white jerseys, shorts, and stockings. As they trotted out from under the stand, a voice yelled, "Hurrah, chaps, here come the Finns!"

In connection with the issue of new ration books the Ministry of Food officials are often amused at remarks appearing on the application form or reference leaves as they are called. One lady wrote on her card, "Have no Identity Card. Pongo has eaten it." Another lady gave the year of her birth as 1777.

It is amazing how people can make so many mistakes in filling in a simple form. They simply do not trouble to read the instructions, yet they can fill up football coupons with little trouble. On yet another card was the apologetic remark, "Please excuse Roman letters; I can't do block letters."

The British Tommy was chatting to his German prisoner, who

could speak fairly good English. "And what will you do when the war is over?" he inquired.

"Ach," said Fritz, "I will have a tour all round Germany on my bicycle."

"Yes," said his captor, "but what will you do in the afternoon?"

The little evacuee looked round his new home appreciatively and talked for a while to his fosterparents. "Well," he said at last, "if I'd known this was such a nice place and that you were so straight, I'd have brought my watch with me."

A sailor home on short leave decided to consult a doctor about a sore throat that was troubling him. After an inspection, the doctor said, "You had better try gargling with salt and water."

"What, again?" said the sailor. "I've been torpedeed three times."

"Hi," shouted the corporal who was distributing the post. "Is this letter for you? The name is obliterated."

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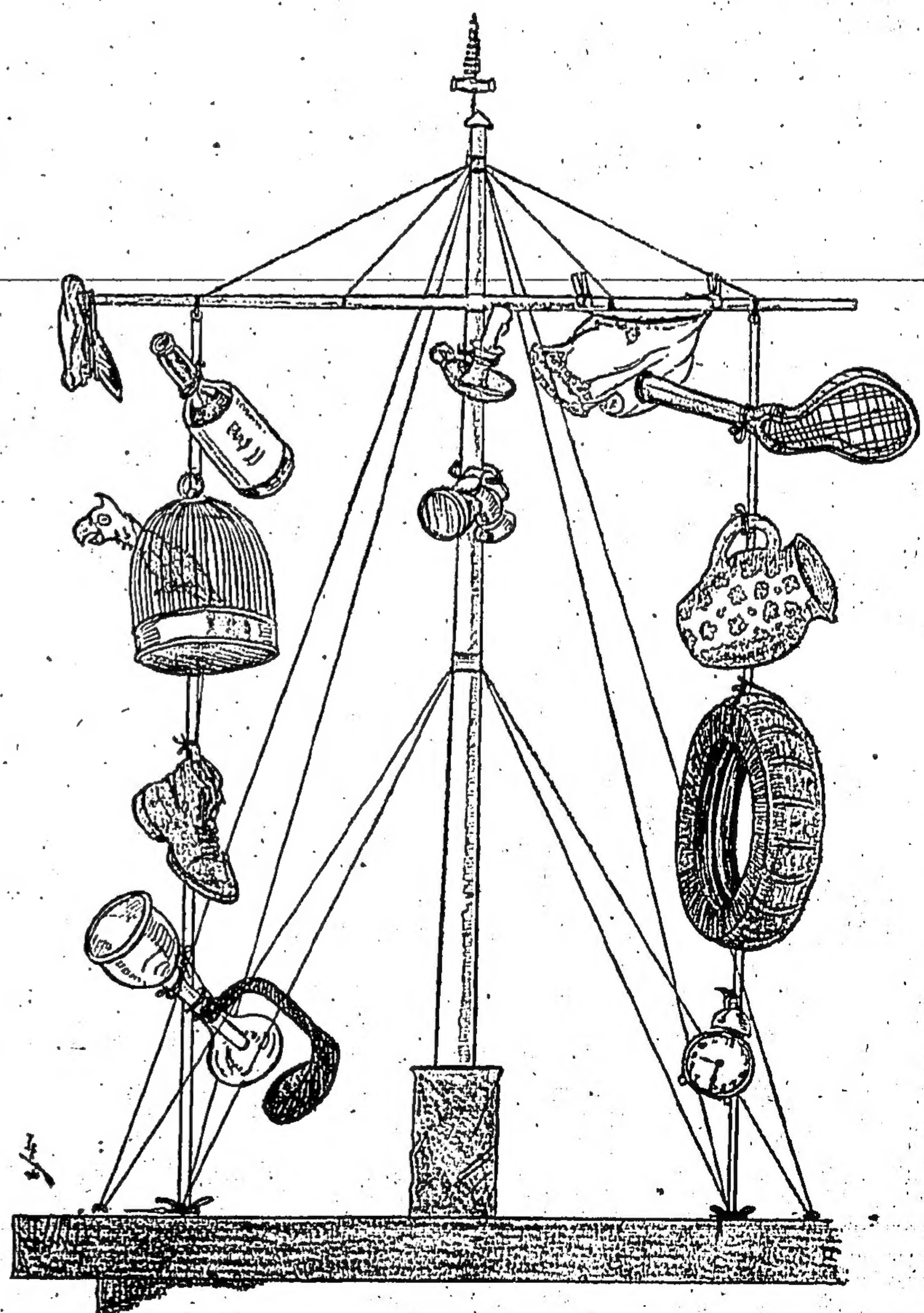
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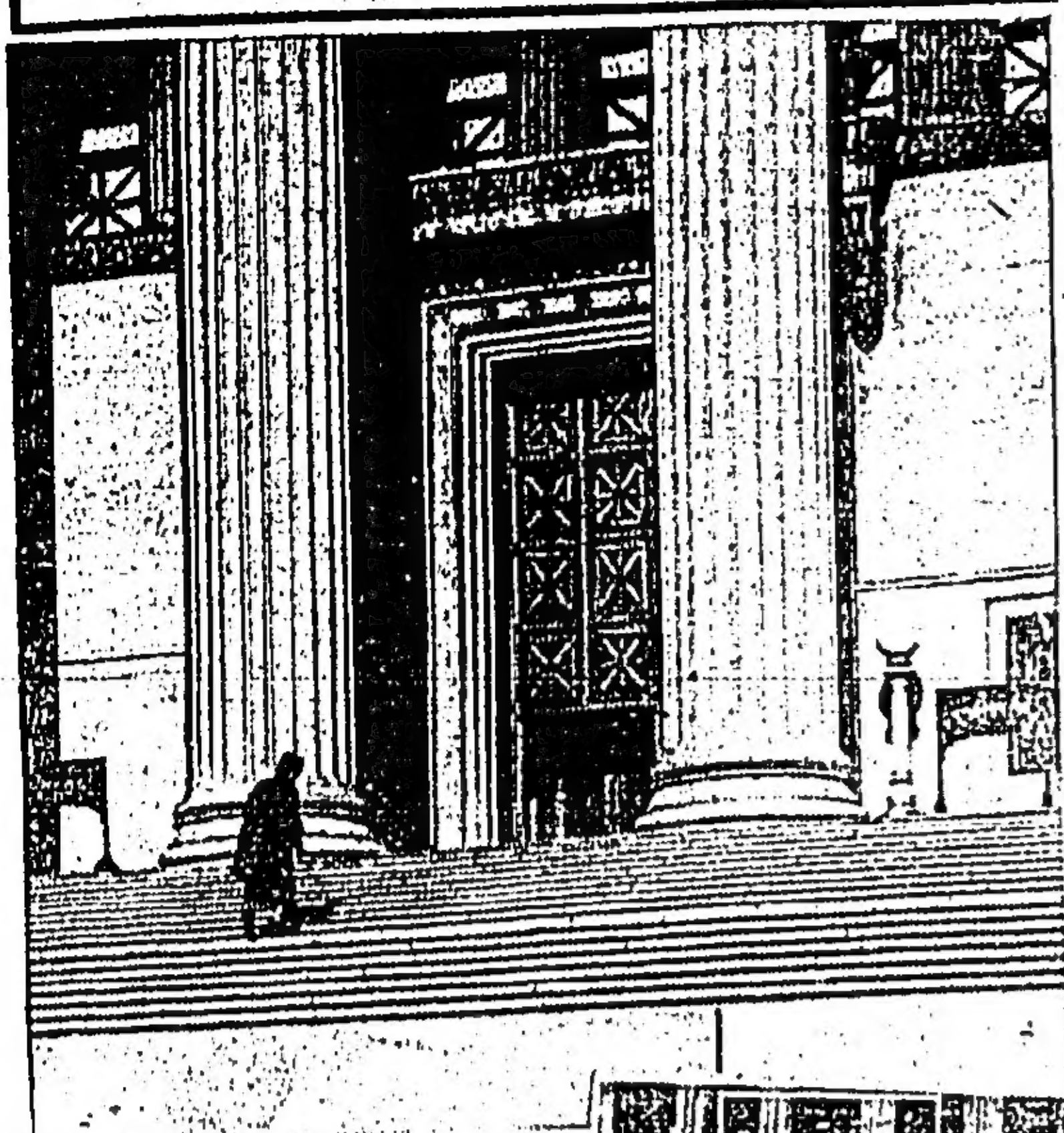
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IT'S wonderful what a bit of trimming will do for the average picture—and it's especially worthwhile if you're planning to have an enlargement made.

For example, here's a landscape shot that looks just so-so. Too much blank sky—no clouds that day. So, we try covering up part of the sky, and make out a telephone pole at the left that doesn't "belong." It now becomes a very pleasant scene—worth at least a 5 x 7 enlargement. As a guide for enlarging, we mark the print, and then trim away the parts we don't want.

Then here's a shot of Jack climbing into his canoe. Good action—but the camera was too far away, and tilted a bit to one side. So we mark off just the part we want a middle section that takes in only about half of the original picture. This trimming idea works for everybody's pictures—you're as well as ours. Pick the part you want



— throw away the rest—and you have a better, more interesting picture. A good system is to cut out two L-shaped pieces of cardboard, turn them end to end, and use them as a movable "mask" over the print. By adjusting the cardboard, you can really find the "heart" of the picture. Then, having found the real picture, you can proceed to make enlargements, or have them made thus bringing out the detail and quality that comes with large size. And, chances are, you'll find you're a better picture-taker than you thought.

John van Guilder

The Russian Genius

"Serge Diaghilev." By Serge Lifar. (Putnam. 21s. net.)

Much has already been written, and even more said, about "Diaghilev," his life, his work, his legend. This remarkable book summarizes the life and work, and gives additional colour to the legend. It is in two parts: a copiously documented biography of Diaghilev, and an autobiography of Lifar, a leading dancer in the Russian Ballet. Familiar ground is re-surveyed, on which intimate sidelights are thrown. The figure of Diaghilev that emerges has the bull and the driving force that, after valiant service to the aesthetic renaissance, re-created and universalised the Russian Ballet.

When history, documents, and aesthetic theory have been disposed of, Lifar rises, so to speak, from recitative to aria, and his style becomes at once grandiloquent and romantic. He feels, thinks, recollects, and writes of his career as a dancer and his association with Diaghilev with the passionate egotism that lifted him from anonymity in the corps de ballet to spotlight stardom. He analyses his own artistic fevers and professional crises with the absorption of a specialist, and recounts them with the immodesty of an artist.

The story of his exacting, emotional collaboration with Diaghilev reads at times like the reflections of one of Jupiter's less docile satellites on whom Terpsichore has cast a subsidiary spell. That story begins with Lifar's arrival in Paris from Kiev, a raw but gifted and ambitious recruit for the Russian Ballet. It closes with a shuddering description of Diaghilev's 1919 which might have yielded The interim heightens chronology.

gical narrative with emotional confession.

Grouped about the great man is that variously talented, highly temperamental, discrepantly loyal retinue of musicians, painters, and dancers who contributed to the renown of the Russian Ballet. It is an exotic record that ranges from the sublime to the macabre: the last chapter, in particular, has the force of a fantasy by Poe. Its emotional extravagance fascinates and appals.

All Lifar's aesthetic and personal estimates may or may not be endorsed by posterity; but his book is an astonishing tribute to Diaghilev that liberates his own insistent ego and passion for the arts and a valuable contribution to the history of the Russian Ballet.

BOOKS

"Bones: The Man and the Statesman." By Edward B. Hitchcock. (Hamish Hamilton. 12s. 6d. net.)

The author wisely prefaces his biography with the caveat that his concern is with "the essential personal facts" rather than with "a political or scientific study." The truth is that the book is much more valuable for its personal than for its political matter.

The current background from cover to cover is necessarily political. The author gives one the impression that he has not only delved deeply but has tumbled into the book everything he could discover. He missed certain important things, such as a famous Benes memorandum of last days and death in Venice. The interim heightens chronology.

tion. He also gives a slightly disproportionate emphasis to the part played by young Benes a quarter of a century ago. But his technique of incorporating long extracts from Benes' own memoirs, and from other sources relative to the whole political span from 1914, excellently justifies itself. It does add to the sense of continuity, and does illustrate Dr Benes' amazing knowledge of details and his well-known gift of marshalling them with a view to suggesting probabilities in the humdrum political scene.

Dr Benes has quite often accurately foreseen the march of events, because his mind is, first and last, matter-of-fact. He has no illusions, is not misled by imaginative emotion, and goes straight to conclusions from premises; and he yet retains a certain grim optimism. He is the perfect model of the typical Czech combination of slogging thoroughness with gentle diffidence and dry reserve.

Almost insensibly the author veers away from the political to the personal field of interest. In this field he is good. He contrives to present a living picture of the man Benes such as those who know him recognise to be the truth, and nothing more (important this, in a biography) than the truth. We are given the full facts, in rather greater and less critical measure than is necessary, of Benes' origins and early life. This part of the book is dull, because it releases a spate of indiscriminate fact. Indeed the book as a whole would be much improved if it had been written at half the length.

But those later pages which deal with Benes in his prime are quite first-class. The contrast between Eduard Benes and Jan Masaryk, and the effectiveness of their combination in action, is effectively and even charmingly done. There are charming touches also about Mrs Benes.

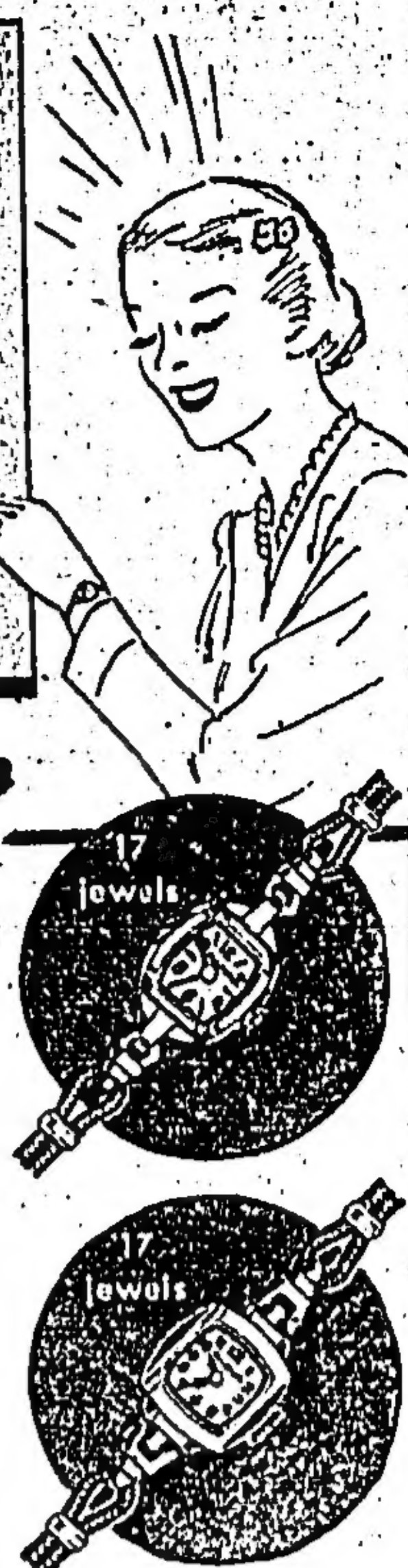
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THE NEW FILMS

★ Strange Cargo

SOMETHING rather unusual
in the way of film entertain-
ment is provided in "Strange
Cargo," showing at the Queen's
and Alhambra.

The theme is the spiritual re-
generation of a group of convicts
after they escape from a South
American penal colony. While
the escape is being planned a
mysterious stranger, by name of
Cambreau, appears apparently
from nowhere.

He has an uncanny knack of
foreseeing future trials and
deaths as the group plod through
the jungle and sail a frail craft
over shark-infested waters to
safety.

Inspired by the conduct and
bearing of the stranger some of
the convicts atone for their past
demeanours in sacrificing their
lives for their companions.

It is a difficult theme to handle
successfully, but the director,
Frank Borzage, has made a
credible attempt.

The cast is an impressive one
with Clark Gable as one of the
convicts and Joan Crawford, as
a café entertainer who joins the
group in the jungle. Ian Hunter
emerges from the difficult
role of Cambreau with flying
colours. Paul Lukas, as a mur-
derer, and Peter Lorre, as an
informer, have prominent parts.

Tin Pan Alley

Twentieth Century - Fox's
salute to the First World War
and the popular music of those
days comes to us at the King's
Theatre as "Tin Pan Alley." It
is pretty well organised accord-
ing to the formula of that com-
pany, as can be seen from a
glimpse of the plot.

First, the struggling young
firm of music publishers, Harri-
gan & Calhoun (John Payne
and Jack Oakie), are scuffling
around trying to pay their rent.
Payne knocks out a fighter in
order to get twenty-five dollars,
but refuses to go on with a
boxing career when a manager
sees championship material in
him. Oakie tools around with a
Dixieland tune, later changed
to a Hawaiian ditty, later alter-
ed to an Irish song, which final-
ly comes out as the well-
remembered "K-K-K-Katy" at
the end of the picture.

This is the beginning, how-
ever. A sister act in vaudeville,
Alice Faye and Betty Grable,
meet the publishers, and that's
the start of one of those now-
you-see-it-and-now-you-don't
romances between Faye and
Payne. She plugs (Broadway
term for 'performing in an effort
to popularise') their songs until
they are all rich. The comes the
misunderstanding which brings
their romance tumbling down in
a crash in which only their
prides are left standing.

Not unlike Tyrone Power in
"Alexander's Ragtime Band,"
Payne goes downhill while Alice
Faye, as always, becomes, as
they say, famouser and famous-
er.

The United States enters the war,
the old song "Goodbye Broadway,
Hello France" receives a share of
plugging, and eventually the scram-
bled romance is set up in another
Tin Pan Alley on the basis of their
new hit, "K-K-K-Katy."

Among the stars, Alice Faye is
about as usual, Payne likeable, and
Oakie runs off with the show. His
Great War song plugging, giving
everything a Jolson-Mammy twist, is
well-nigh perfect. Allen Jenkins
and Betty Grable render able sup-
port, while the Nicholas Brothers,
who were the hit of "Down Argen-
tine way," contribute a speed up
dancing speciality that is greased
lightning on ice.

In addition to the songs mentioned,
the other old-timers are "America, I
Love You," "Moonlight Bay,"
"Honeyuckle Rose" and "The Snake
of Araby." There's one new Gordon
and Revel song, "You Say the Sweet-
est Things (Baby)." It sounds old,
too.

All in all, the picture is a standard
Twentieth Century-Fox product,
fast-moving, well cut for laughs and
pathos, devoid of surprises, and de-
livering the goods as specified.



Pastor Hall

"Pastor Hall," a British film, is the
best yet made about life in Nazi
Germany—a human story of the
struggles and suffering of Wilfrid
Lawson (as Pastor Hall) in his ef-
fort to fight against the new Govern-
ment and its ideals.

His daughter, Nova Pilbeam, tries
to restrain him and even offers her-
self to the local stormtroop leader,
Marinus Goring, in an attempt to have
him released from a concentration
camp, but the pastor's religious be-
liefs carry him inexorably towards
the tragic ending.

The story is grim and sad. The
film is as far from light entertain-
ment as could be imagined. Yet it
is a very good film, one which will
impress despite its atmosphere of un-
relieved gloom.

The performances throughout are
excellent. Wilfrid Lawson naturally
stands out, but he also receives mag-
nificent support from Miss Pilbeam,
Goring and Seymour Hicks. Their
work, together with strong, unob-
trusive direction, makes this one of
the most important pictures of the
season.

The film is coming to the Lee
Theatre.

The premiere performance on
Wednesday evening is a benefit per-
formance for Chinese war orphans,
sponsored by the China Defence
League, at which His Excellency the
Governor will be present.

Scene from "Pastor Hall"

Anna Neagle Won Fame The Hard Way

There are possibly as many
different ways of creating a film
star as there are individual
players involved in the process.
Yet, in general they fall into
three classifications. Stars are
made by an extensive publicity
campaign, by a particular pic-
ture, or by a succession of good
performances. The last is the
hard way.

The quick build-up way of creating
a film star by extensive publicity
and sensational stories, aimed at forcing
the public, has resulted time and
time again in making a star who went
up like a rocket coming down very
soon like a dead stick.

There is far less difficulty in re-
calling the names of those who rose
to stardom through a striking role.
Often this has been a case of the right
player meeting the right part and
winning instant and lasting acclaim.
Greta Garbo did it in "The Flesh
and the Devil." The late Jean Har-
low, a former bit player, became fam-
ous after "Hell's Angels." Ginger
Rogers started to dance her way to
fame in "Flying Down to Rio."

But the hardest road to stardom of
all is the slow method whereby a
player is deliberately nursed along
through roles of increasing impor-
tance until he or she is established
with the public. Such a road was
that travelled by Anna Neagle, who
has completed her fourteenth film
under the guidance of Herbert Wil-
cox. The film is "No, No, Nanette,"
an elaborate screen version of the
famous musical comedy. The film is
now showing in Shanghai, and is due
in Hongkong in the near future.

Anna Neagle's established success
to-day in Hollywood is entirely due
to recognition by star-maker, Herbert
Wilcox, ten years ago of her talents.
He nursed her along, picture after
picture. Then he starred her in
"Nell Gwynn." Its reception by
critics and public encouraged Wilcox
to aim even higher for his star. His
two productions based upon the life
of Queen Victoria, and her work in
"Nurse Edith Cavell" placed Anna
Neagle at the head of British film
stars.

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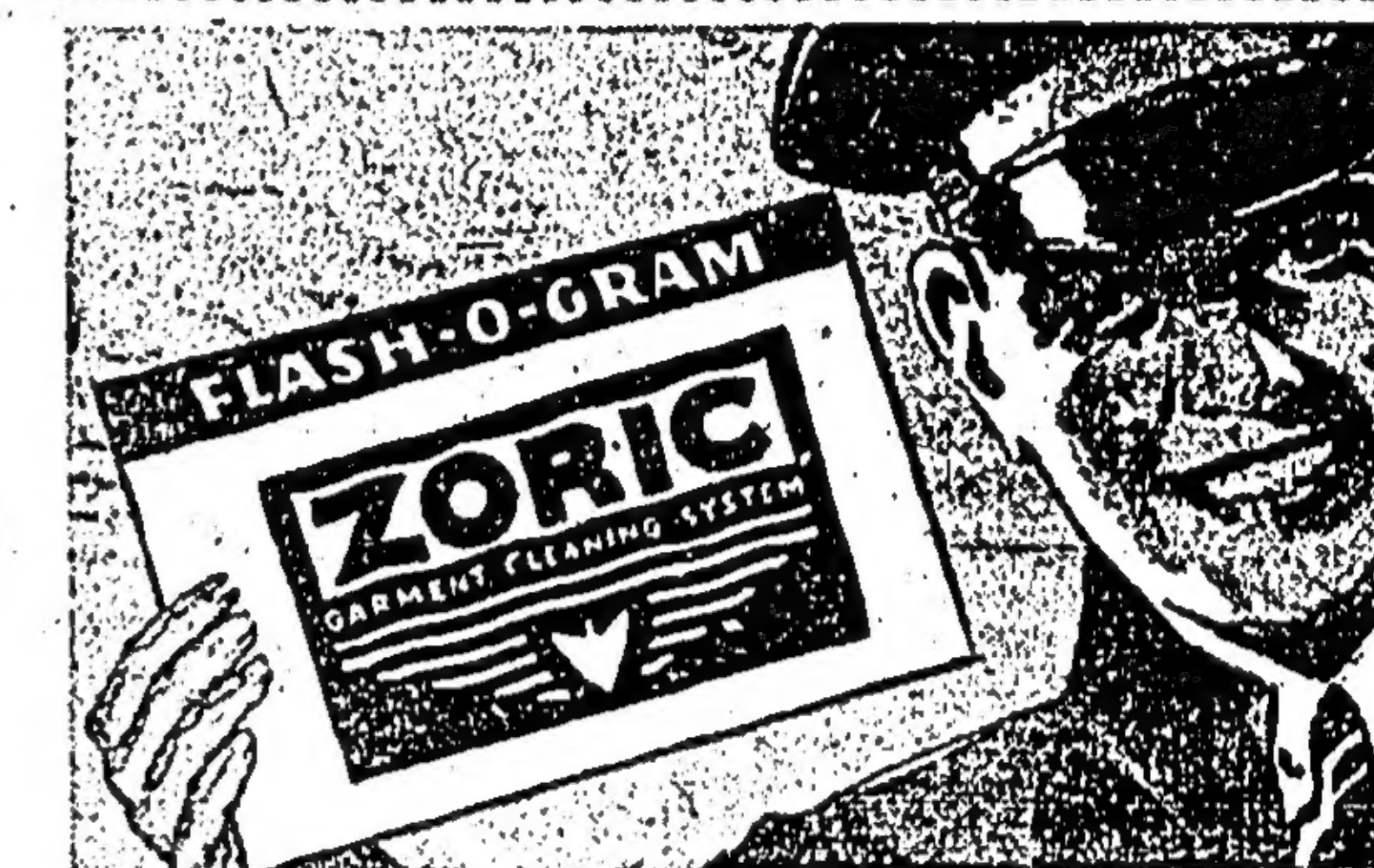
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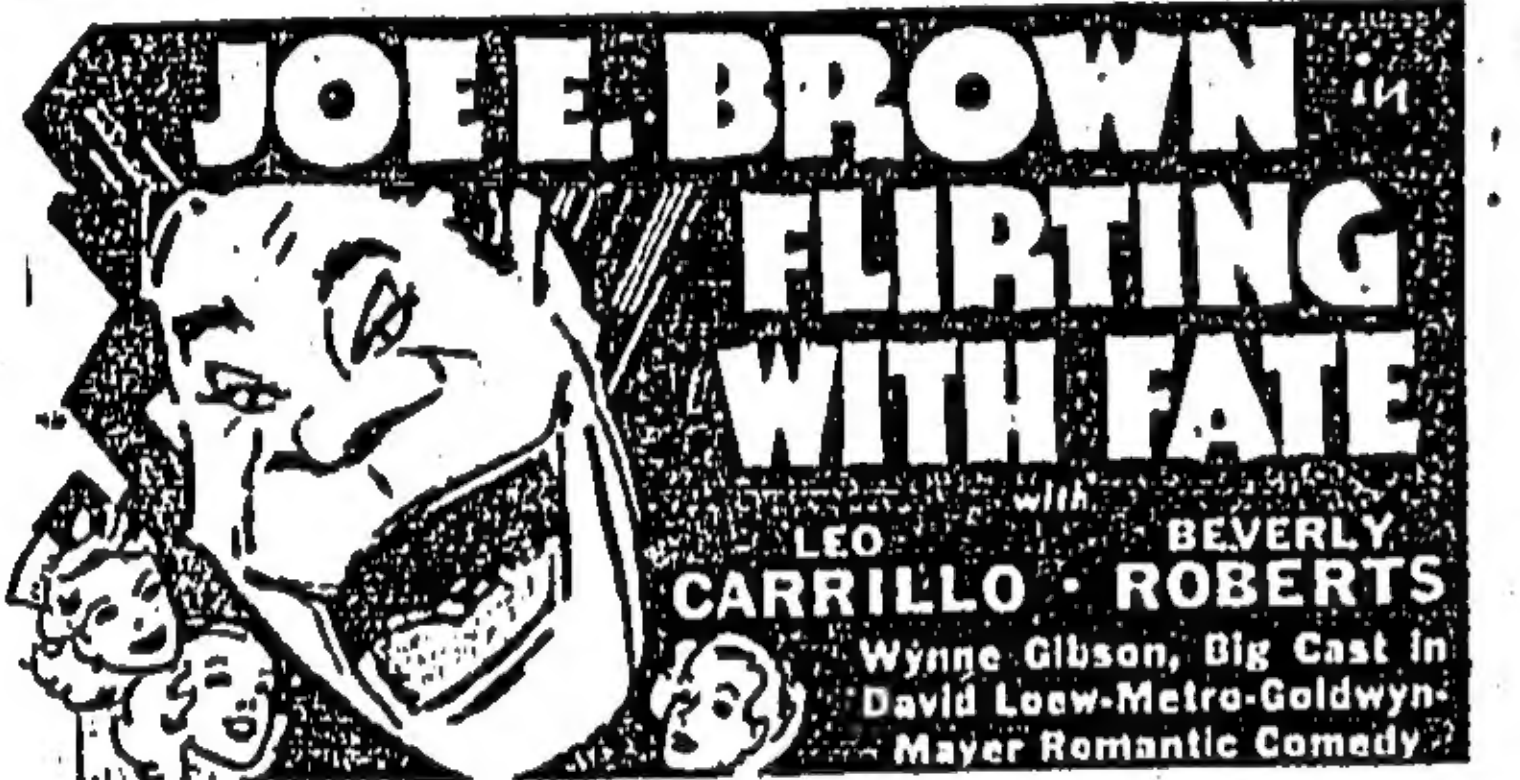


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YOUR HEALTH

BY CLAUD NORTH CHRISMAN, M.D.

QUININE RELIEVES NIGHT CRAMPS

NATURE sometimes seems not to be satisfied with the host of diseases that normally afflict mankind. She tunes in with some extras, showing some change of the tissues and also producing some discomforts for which no cause or change can be found.

There are some of which we know so little that we have not even given them a name. One of these is quite common in elderly persons and in some not so elderly. It is supposed to be an auto-intoxication of the muscle fibers. The patient often suffers great pain and discomfort, being awakened at night by sudden painful, tonic spasms of the muscles of the legs or arms. They go to bed feeling perfectly well, and may sleep for some minutes or hours; then as they turn or stretch, one or both legs are seized with violent cramp of the muscles of the calf.

Pain Is Intense

The pain is intense, the leg is rigid, the muscles are drawn into a knot, and the leg cannot be straightened. The patient jumps out of bed, frequently crying out in agony and tries to rub the pain and cramp away. As soon as possible they stand on the foot and try to straighten the knot. If it can be undone, the severe pain is relieved and the remaining soreness becomes less.

There may be no recurrence that night or for several nights. In other patients, the cramp returns as soon as the patient lies down, making sleep difficult. Some even prefer to sleep in a chair, so great is their fear of an attack.

There are several diseases that present similar symptoms. One of these is called "myotonia congenita." It is rather common in Germany. This is an hereditary disease, first making its appearance in childhood. In this disease, the cramp occurs when the victim tries to make some voluntary movement. He wills to raise an arm or foot; the muscles draw up, but no movement occurs for several seconds or longer. There is marked hesitation of motion, but after several attempts, the arm or leg recovers and soon the cramp ceases.

Some few years ago, Drs Wolf and Kennedy, as reported in a study from London, in using various drugs to overcome this spasm of the muscles, discovered that small amounts of quinine taken for a prolonged period relieved this contraction and resulted in a cure, though previously the condition was thought incurable.

These cramps also occur in circulatory troubles. Poor circulation, particularly in the legs due to obstruction of the small arteries, causes cramps and intense pain. The trouble is common in arteriosclerosis and diabetes, with gangrene as a possible result.

Quinine Treatment

Working along this same line were Drs Herman and Moss, of the University of Cincinnati, using their glass boot called a "Pavacex machine" to improve circulatory troubles. In March, 1939, Dr Moss, noting the results of quinine to relieve night cramps, as used by Drs Wolf and Kennedy, began similar experiments. He chose patients who had this trouble without discoverable circulatory defects, and was agreeably surprised to find that quinine produced relief.

He chose only those patients who suffered from night cramps, or myotonia, frequently and in a severe form. He found that three grains of quinine given after meals three times a day brought improvement within two or three days. All patients responded favourably and they have now treated a considerable number of them.

After a short period of time, the dose was reduced to four or six grains a day. The first course of treatment was for one month. Then the quinine was discontinued and a capsule containing just a white powder was given. Most cases complained of cramps shortly after, but were promptly relieved when the quinine medication was resumed. Some remained well after a short period of treatment.

This discovery of the value of quinine in night cramps will be a great boon to many thousands of elderly people who suffer from this condition.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

- (1) (a) Anna Sewell, (b) Erich Kastner, (c) Louisa Alcott, (d) Mark Twain, (e) Aesop.
- (2) (a) Jumbies, (b) Muffin; Mouse (c) Pabst; Pabst; Pabst.
- (3) (a) Edward the Confessor, (b) Sir Walter Raleigh, (c) Sir Humphrey Davy.
- (4) (a) Smee, (b) Yellow-Dog, (c) King Valeroso; Sir Tomaso.
- (5) (a) Raleigh, (b) Nelson, (c) Washington.

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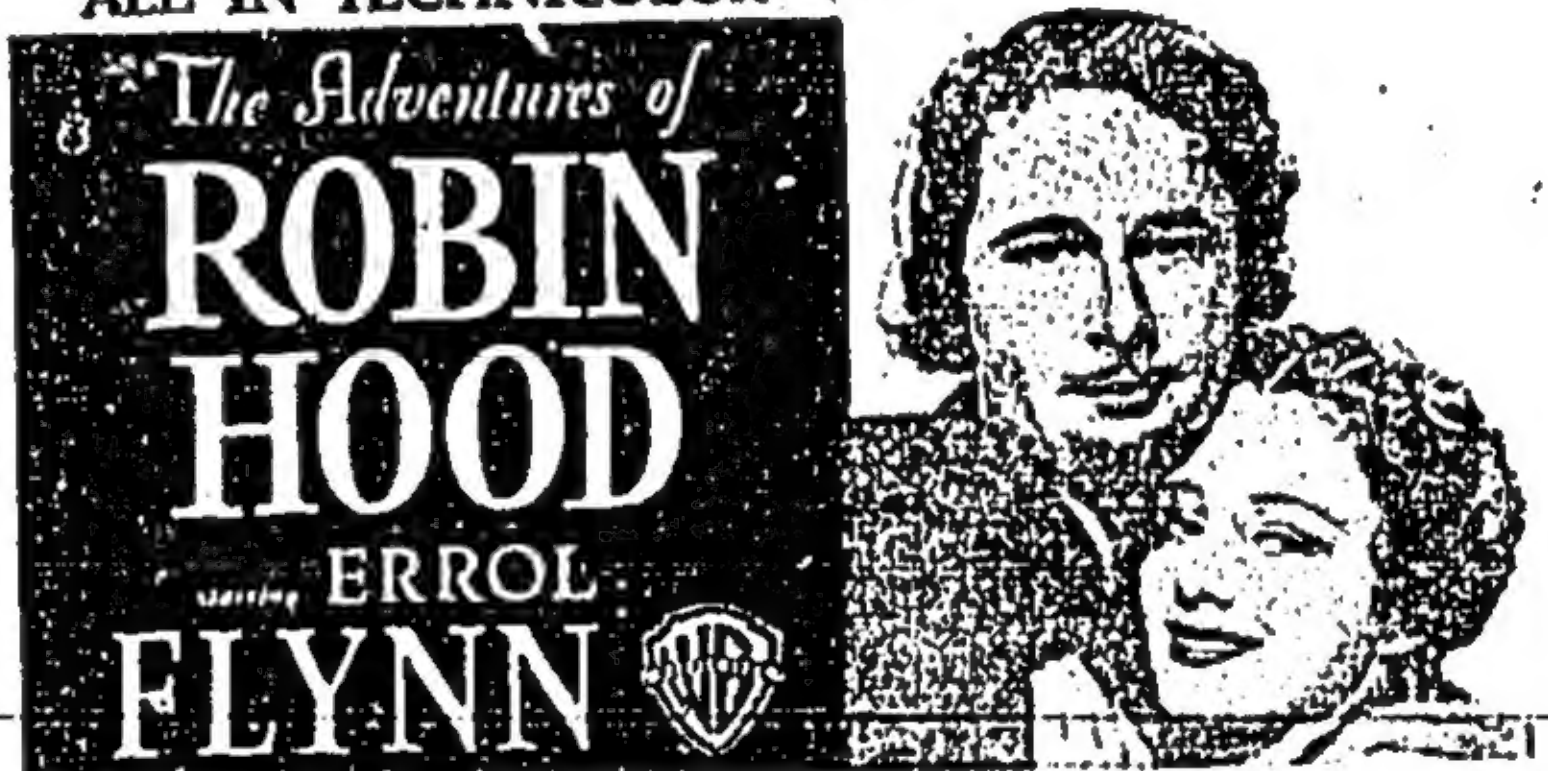
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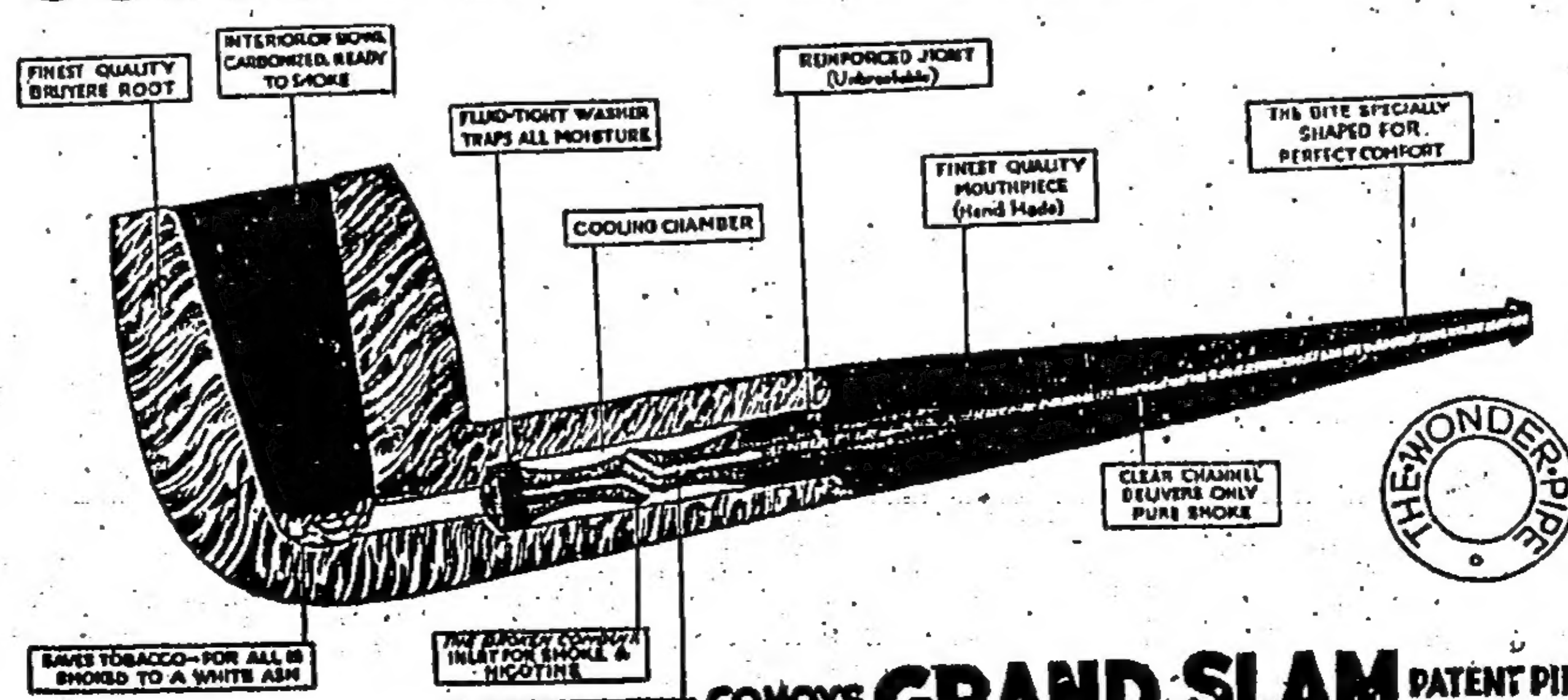
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Mr Balfour said that Tang, who was on \$500 bail, had absconded, and the Police were searching for him.

Interned Chinese Soldiers

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sonant with the situation upon the men themselves for their collective well-being, conduct, discipline and reputation.

The internal administration of the Camp is now largely in the hands of the internees themselves, who have even formed their own tribunal for the maintenance of law and order within the Camp's boundaries.

The daily life of the Camp is varied, and every pursuit or activity that might contribute to dispel ennui and promote happiness for the men is encouraged. In this connection, valuable help is given by Chinese and other relief organisations in the Colony as well as by public-spirited individuals.

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